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EXTREME MAKEOVER: HERITAGE EDITION

David Kaplan, owner and Revenue Property Group president, stands outside the newly restored Fairview House on West 8th Avenue just before its grand opening Tuesday. PHYLICIA TORREVILLAS/METRO

Revamped. Standing since 1892, one of Vancouver's oldest homes gets a facelift

The results of a major two-year makeover on one of Vancouver's oldest surviving buildings were unveiled Tuesday.

The Fairview House on 1151 West 8th Ave. now boasts an Edwardian-meets-contemporary-flair design after a much-needed facelift.

The iconic heritage building was built in 1892 for Dr. John Reid, honorary physician to Queen Victoria, and his wife Lady Georgina Hill Reid, founder of the Vancouver Council of Women.

Sir Walter C. Nichol, 12th lieutenant-governor of British Columbia, then called it home from 1900 to 1910.

The 120-year-old building is now ready to tackle a new era.

"In most beautiful cities around the world, much of the city's beauty is because of the buildings," said David Kaplan, owner and Revenue Property Group president. "This is a piece of art. It's a beautifully built building but the inside was not at all reflective of the outside. The objective was to make it feel as though the inside and outside are one."

Kaplan says they didn't touch the exterior of the house, which was last renovated in 1980, and concentrated on restoring the "badly mistreated" interior.

Newly refurbished and outfitted with executive offices, the house now features walnut flooring, ornate wainscoting and views of downtown Vancouver, False Creek, the Burrard Inlet and English Bay from every office.

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Surrey mayor derails SkyTrain-expansion talk

Transportation. Watts uses annual business address to push for light rail and reduction in bridge tolls

Surrey's mayor has rejected a $2-billion SkyTrain expansion and called again on TransLink to create a light-rail system south of the Fraser River.

In her annual state-of-the-city address Tuesday, Watts told a packed room of business representatives that the proposed regional transit options are either too expensive or too polluting.

Watts said light-rail transit would better help connect the neighbourhoods of the province's fastest-growing city.

"Light rail is cost-effective, it's efficient and it shapes and affects communities," Watts said. "It will also increase economic development along those corridors."

Watts' proposed LRT would run along three key corridors — 104 Avenue, Fraser Highway to Langley, and King George Boulevard — and cost less than a SkyTrain extension.

TransLink is in the drafting stages of an LRT option for Surrey, and Watts hopes to receive public input on the proposal.

"We want to get some comments and feedback, because the people who live in the community should have some say in the decision-making process."

Watts also called for a more equitable tolling system, claiming bridge tolls should be, at most, 75 cents to a dollar, and that the province should collect revenue by tolling other expensive regional projects.

"The Sea to Sky Highway — significant money went into the upgrades of that — that's not tolled. There's people around the region, including myself, that think it should have been," she said.

Watts hopes the newly established Office of the Auditor General for Local Government will examine the downloading of costs from other levels of government onto cities, which currently receive eight cents for every tax dollar collected in Canada.

Surrey Mayor Dianne Watts gives her annual state-of-the-city address Tuesday at the Sheraton Vancouver Guildford Hotel. Watts called for a reduction in bridge tolls and the creation of light-rail transit in the region. DANIEL PALMER/FOR METRO

Surrey has been aggressively expanding under the Build Surrey program as its population grows. It is estimated to reach 750,000 people by 2040.

DANIEL PALMER/FOR METRO

Premier touts job plan as a sign of progress

Premier Christy Clark PHYLICIA TORREVILLAS/METRO FILE

Nearly 40,000 new jobs have been added to the economy in the past year, Premier Christy Clark announced Tuesday as she delivered a six-month update on her government's jobs plan.

"That's a result for 39,900 families who are finding it a little bit easier, perhaps, to put food on the table for their kids or maybe not worry about whether or not they have to move at the end of the month because they have to figure out how to pay their rent or mortgage," Clark said at the Vancouver Shipyards in North Vancouver.

The premier says since the Canada Starts Here: The BC Jobs Plan rolled out, four mines have either gotten approval permits, begun construction or had their operations extended.

The B.C. government has also committed to eight new mines and the expansion of another nine mines currently operating in the province by 2015.

The Natural Energy Board has also approved a 20-year export licence for a liquefied-natural-gas plant in Kitimat, Clark adds, and $65 million has been promised for improvements at the Deltaport container facility.

But NDP finance critic Bruce Ralston questioned the plan, saying the province only gained 2,000 jobs by using seasonally adjusted figures.

The government says it will spend the next six months concentrating its strategy in forestry, mining, agrifoods, transportation, international education and technology.

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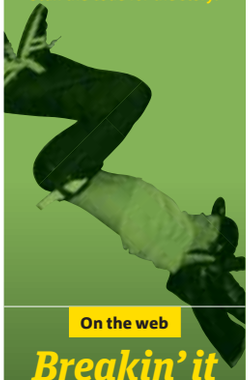
Mobile news

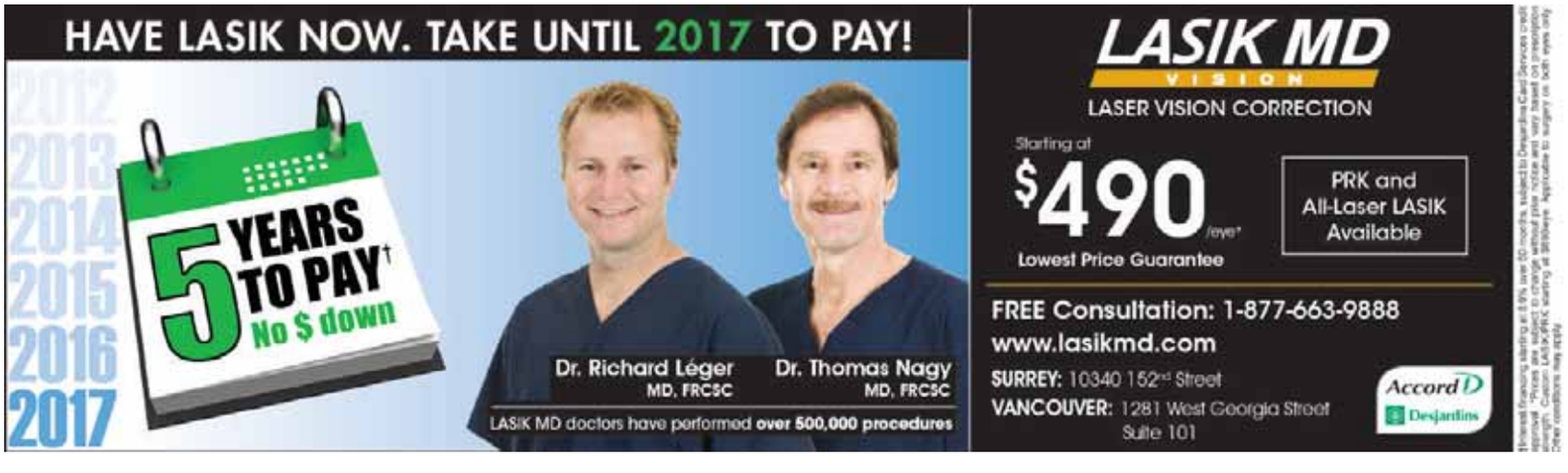
The boyfriend of a fatal car accident victim is using a series of heart-wrenching text messages to warn people not to text and drive. Scan the code for the story.



On the web

Breakin' it down to build 'em back up

What began as a breakdancing lesson has evolved into a "confidence-building class" for students with disabilities. Watch at metronews.ca/video



Labour negotiations.
Teachers say government refusing to budge

The B.C. Teachers Federation says its latest effort to break the deadlock in the teachers contract dispute has failed and the union blames the government for refusing to budge.

Union president Susan Lambert says the federation had been working behind the scenes at the Labour Relations Board to have an independent mediator appointed to resolve the dispute, and had offered to compromise on every issue, including salary.

She says she even phoned Education Minister George Abbott last Friday to make him aware of the teachers' offer, but the government has stood firm.

For his part, Abbott refuses to discuss the details of his conversation with Lambert, saying the two had agreed to keep them confidential.

Lambert says the government's refusal to budge at the labour board, combined with its plan to pass legislation on the dispute by Thursday, shows the Liberals never intended to try to reach a solution in the dispute.

The legislation would ban further strikes and appoint a mediator in the dispute, but the mediator would have to work within the government's policy of no wage increases.

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Festival. Readying for a Bhangra bonanza

Starting May 31, nearly 500 performers will gather for 11 days of free concerts, dance performances and workshops as part of the region's growing annual Bhangra festival.

"We're really bridging communities together and making people aware of what Bhangra is," said Sukhi Ghuman, director of the Vancouver International Bhangra Celebration (VIBC), at an event preview Tuesday.

"Last year we had close to 5,000 people at the downtown event. This year, we've expanded the festival to include an outdoor concert in Surrey."

Traditional Bhangra is a fusion of folk music and dance that originates in the Punjab regions of India and Pakistan.

VIBC holds the event every year to help promote the art form of Bhangra and strengthen the fabric of Vancouver's multicultural community.

Ghuman said the best part about the festival is the cultural collaboration within the community and "bringing artists together to be able to create something new and innovative."

It's the first time the festival will host an event in Surrey, a city that organizers call "the heart of the South Asian community" in the Lower Mainland.

But organizers are striving the make the event all-inclusive.

"The event is not just for South Asians, it's for everyone," said Ghuman. "It's such an infectious art form that everyone needs to learn a little bit about it."

KYLA JONAS/FOR METRO

A performer at Tuesday's preview of the Bhangra festival KYLA JONAS/FOR METRO

Kicking, shoving

Witnesses wanted after 3 men assault teen girl

Vancouver police are asking for witnesses to come forward after a 14-year-old girl was shoved to the ground and repeatedly kicked by three men Monday night in the 400 block of Prior Street around 11 p.m. The suspects are believed to be white men in their 20s. METRO

Food-court altercation

Man charged after cop stabbed

One man is facing multiple charges after he allegedly stabbed a police officer in the leg during an arrest Tuesday.

Vancouver police say they received a 911 call from the food court in downtown's Harbour Centre about a man wielding a knife.

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Rioters did a good job messing up the city, now some are offering to help keep it clean. JENNIFER GAUTHIER/METRO FILE

Accused rioters making amends

Taking responsibility.
Accused rioters offer to help clean up affected shops

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Local businesses are reporting that individuals charged in connection with the 2011 Stanley Cup riots are coming forward to make amends.

A number of accused have reportedly approached businesses damaged or looted in the riot with offers to paint over graffiti, clean local alleys of cigarettes and needles, and more.

"If I was a defence lawyer, I would probably do that, too," said Charles Gauthier, executive director of the Downtown Vancouver Business Improvement Association (DVBIA).

Gauthier called the offers a "good start overall" but noted that his organization still feels jail time is suitable for the majority of offenders.

Nine months after the riot there may be little physical damage left to repair, but by connecting offenders with victims, community organizers hope to address more subtle damage as well.

The DVBIA has seen increasing demand for restorative-justice measures that would allow offenders to meet with victims to apologize for their actions, and allow the victims to explain how the riot affected their lives.

Businesses aren't necessarily taking the apologies at face value, though.

"Some are probably very ashamed and maybe want to set things right," said Gauthier. "There is also probably a component of self-interest. It depends on the person."

There are currently 177 criminal charges pending against 67 suspected rioters. Of these, two have so far pleaded guilty.

Terminal owners plan to sue PavCO

The owners of a new $20-million floatplane terminal are preparing to sue the B.C. Pavilion Corp. (PavCo) for allowing the expensive facility to sit empty.

Business at the Vancouver Harbour Flight Centre (VHFC), built to PavCo's specifications, has hardly taken flight.

In fact, Harbour Air and West Coast Air seaplanes are refusing to move operations to the VHFC — near the new Vancouver Convention Centre — and claim the new dock heights are potentially unsafe.

Last November, a Harbour Air seaplane became partially submerged while at a VHFC dock, resulting in two reviews — one by the VHFC and the other commissioned by the provincial government.

VHFC president Paul McElligott said both reviews concluded the incident had nothing to do with the new terminal, but PavCo has yet to shut down the old terminal as promised, diverting business from VHFC.

"It's been a tough grind up until now, and our sense is that PavCo keeps changing the rules," McElligott said. "We're just exasperated with dithering that's gone on at PavCO."

However, seaplane operators remain wary of the new terminal.

"We're working with PavCo and the government on the independent review and I gather the other guys over at the proposed docks aren't happy with the direction they're going in," said Randy Wright, Harbour Air vice-president.

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What went wrong with BC Place

Telus negotiations. 'It wasn't the best deal for taxpayers,' Premier Christy Clark insists

The provincial Liberals have offered yet another excuse to explain the failure of a deal to give Telus the naming rights to BC Place stadium: The negotiations were hurting the province's relationship with the telecom giant.

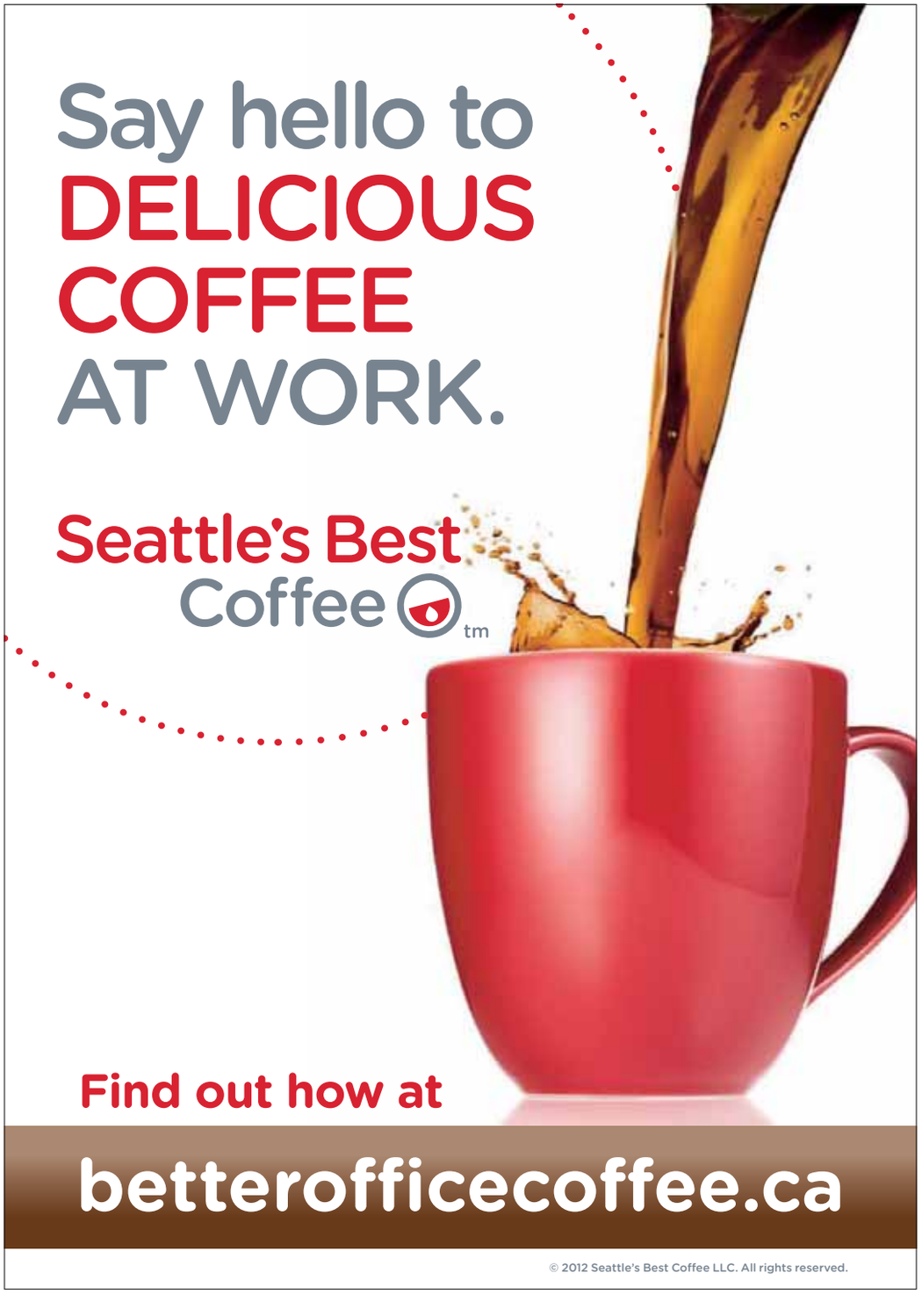
It was the latest in a series of shifting explanations for why the 20-year, $40-million deal fell apart last week. The excuses have ranged from vague assertions that the agreement was somehow bad for taxpayers, to nostalgia for the stadium's current name, to the size of a sign Telus planned to put up.

On Tuesday, Tourism Minister Pat Bell suggested the deal was killed because negotiations were hurting the province's relationship with Telus, and it was better to bow out before damaging the partnership further.

Premier Christy Clark rejected the suggestion her government was changing its story. "It was a complicated deal," she said. "There was a number of elements in it that didn't make it the best deal for taxpayers, so I think when you talk about (the size of the sign), it's an example of why it was a bad deal," Clark told reporters at an unrelated announcement in North Vancouver.

"We didn't accept this deal because it wasn't the best deal for taxpayers. It wasn't the best deal for taxpayers a week ago when I answered those questions, it wasn't the best deal for taxpayers on Friday when I answered those questions and it's not the best deal for taxpayers today." THE CANADIAN PRESS

A plan by Telus to erect a large sign was one of the reasons touted for the Liberals' decision to nix renaming BC Place. CHUCK STOODY/THE CANADIAN PRESS



Time for a transit checkup: Rider survey

Coast Mountain Bus Company is encouraging its riders speak out by asking them to fill out an online survey about the quality of the region's bus service.

The online survey, which closes April 2, asks riders to rate their satisfaction in bus frequency, reliability, comfort and other areas.

The International Bus Benchmarking Group is also running the survey in New York, London, Paris and the nine other cities served by member organizations.

Just don't expect to see how TransLink stacks up to the rest.

The survey info and rankings are subject to a strict confidentiality agreement and will not be released to the public.

TransLink spokesperson Drew Snider said that confidentiality was essential for the survey to fulfil its function.

"If the results were made public, that might make things difficult for information sharing," he said.

"The whole idea is to make our services more efficient by seeing what others are doing, and what's working for them, what's not working."

This is the first year the IBBG has collected public feedback, having previously relied on internal analyses.

GRAHAM TEMPLETON/METRO

Want to speak your mind about transit? Go to coastmountainbus.com and take the company's online survey. JENNIFER GAUTHIER/METRO FILE

Green living

Building a better world at GLOBE

The future is here.

More than 250 international business leaders are in Vancouver to talk about progressive green technologies at a three-day conference starting Wednesday.

"There's all kinds of cutting-edge technology and services to help solve environmental problems for business," said Nancy Wright, vice-president of GLOBE, which brings together more than 400 international delegates from more than 50 countries to discuss environmental sustainability.

In its 12th year, GLOBE is meeting at the Vancouver Convention Centre.

The major theme this year is "looking at different energy sources, like alternative energies, and how to bring traditional energies to market in a more environmentally safe and less expensive way," Wright said.

Other themes include emission management, water consumption, clean technology and advances in corporate sustainability, among others.

For the first time, China is hosting an international pavilion showcasing technological solutions on environmental challenges.

GLOBE aims to attract a business audience, including corporate presidents and CEOs from around the world.

The event runs through Friday and organizers are expecting to see more than 10,000 participants over the course of the show.

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14kt yellow gold dangling earrings set with cubic zircons, 3.36 grams

J&M Regular Price $139.00

J&M Sale Price $90.00

18kt curb link chain with 1.00 carat round brilliant cut diamond

Appraisal value: $12,800.00
J&M Regular Price $7,279.00

J&M Sale Price $4,731.00

18kt white gold pendant with 61 diamonds (0.89 cttw)

Appraisal value: $2,100.00
J&M Regular Price $795.00

J&M Sale Price $517.00

18kt white gold bracelet, polished finishing, chess-style diamond cut pattern links, 18.21 grams

J&M Regular Price $1,490.00

J&M Sale Price $968.00

14kt gold bracelet with 36 diamonds (1.08 cttw)

Appraisal value: $6,200.00
J&M Regular Price $2,789.00

J&M Sale Price $1,812.00

10kt yellow gold 'wave'-style hoop earrings, 1.76 grams

J&M Regular Price $85.00

J&M Sale Price $55.00

Pair of vintage dress clips with 4.6 cttw baguette and round diamonds

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14kt two-toned mens' wedding band, 7.3 grams

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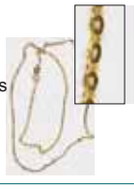

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Rae comes clean on Liberal robocalls

Liberal interim Leader Bob Rae is urging the Tories to come clean on any robocall tactics used in the last election.

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Robocalls. Interim Liberal leader Bob Rae reveals party's phone scripts and makes public call for Harper's Tories to do the same

The Liberal party has given Elections Canada samples of its robocall messages and scripts for live calls to voters during last spring's election campaign.

Interim leader Bob Rae says in a letter to the agency that the party has recordings of all its campaign robocalls and will make them available if needed for the investigation into alleged vote-suppression tactics.

And he's calling on the Conservatives to be equally transparent.

Elections Canada is investigating thousands of complaints about fraudulent robocalls in which someone purporting to be calling on behalf of the agency misdirected voters to non-existent polling locations.

The watchdog is also looking into harassing live calls that were purportedly made on behalf of an opposition party but that appeared aimed at alienating that party's supporters.

Opposition parties accuse the Conservatives of masterminding a widespread, vote-suppression scheme since discovering that fraudulent robocalls in the hotly contested riding of Guelph had been traced to a company used by Tory candidates.

Robocall

"The complaints being made by Canadians are disturbing and unprecedented and must be resolved."

Interim Liberal Leader Bob Rae, in a letter to election commissioner William Corbett

However, the Tories have fought back by accusing the Liberals of their own misdeeds, including a robocall in Guelph that attacked the Tory candidate's position on abortion without saying that the call was being made on behalf of Liberal incumbent Frank Valeriote.

Valeriote has said he's already come clean about that robocall with Elections Canada investigators.

In a letter to election commissioner William Corbett, Rae says election financial returns already filed by the party and its local candidates include all relevant financial information about live and automated phone services used during the campaign. He offers to supply more records if necessary.

In a veiled reference to the Tories, Rae adds: "We feel it would be irresponsible and tantamount to obstruction for any political party to be anything less than fully transparent and co-operative with your investigation."

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Explicit evidence, but no 'play-by-play' on alleged rape

Caution: Graphic content. Eight-year-old girl's killer tells a jury of horrifying events that took place in an Ontario farmer's field

Terri-Lynne McClintic has told a jury she was the one who delivered what the Crown alleges were the fatal blows to eight-year-old Victoria Stafford.

McClintic testified Tuesday at Michael Rafferty's first-degree murder trial in London, Ont., and detailed the events surrounding the abduction and death of the little girl.

The Grade 3 student went missing outside her Woodstock, Ont., school on April 8, 2009, and the Crown alleges she died from multiple blows to her head with a hammer the same day.

McClintic told the jury she struck Tori with the hammer "maybe three" times in a farmer's field after a garbage bag was placed over the girl's head.

McClintic, at times wiping tears from her face and taking long pauses, told the court she saw Rafferty attempt to rape the girl before that, but didn't "stay there and watch. I can't really give you play-by-play."

McClintic did note that when she took the girl to use the washroom in the field, after Tori had been alone with Rafferty, she noticed blood in the snow.

"I told her I was sorry. She told me just don't let him do it again," McClintic said.

Rafferty has pleaded not guilty to first-degree murder, sexual assault causing bodily harm and kidnapping. McClintic pleaded guilty in 2010 to first-degree murder and is serving a life sentence.

She told the jury Tuesday Rafferty wanted a "young female, because the younger they were, the easier they were to manipulate."

She told the jury she lured Tori into Rafferty's car with the promise of seeing a puppy. She said while driving on Highway 401 with Tori in the car Rafferty said: "We can't just keep her, but we can't take her back."

McClintic told the jury that when Rafferty said he intended to have sex with the girl she "didn't want to acknowledge that."

"I remember him telling me to look for a spot. I said 'A spot for what?' and he didn't answer me," she said.

Court also heard that Rafferty began masturbating as he pulled the car off a country road, and that once stopped in the field McClintic walked away because she "knew what was going to happen."

"I believed he was going to rape Tori," McClintic said.

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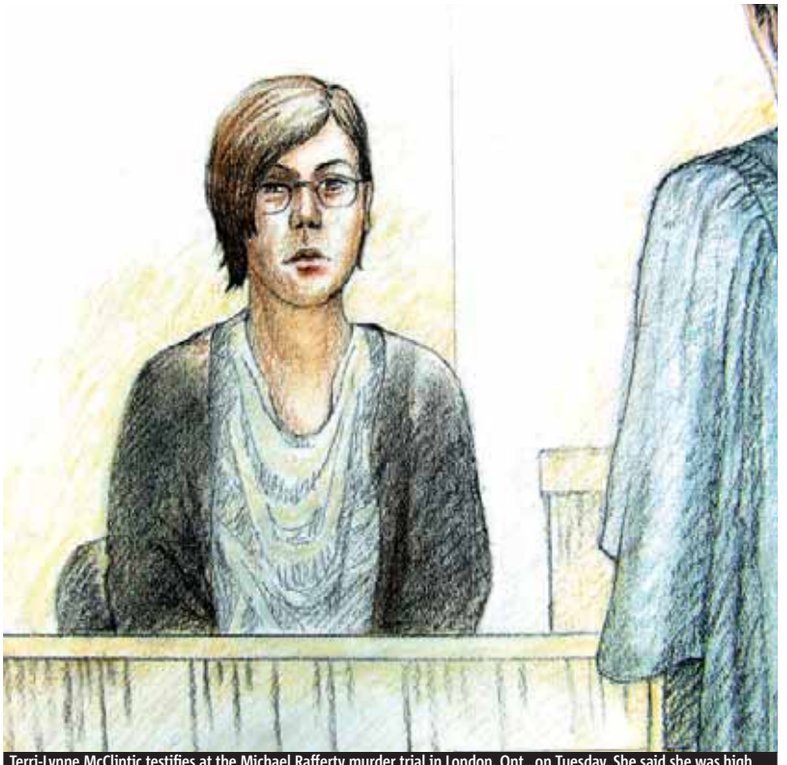
Fateful first meeting

- **Pizza.** Terri-Lynne McClintic and Michael Rafferty met at a pizza shop in February 2009, went for a drive and had sex in his car, she testified.
- **Passion.** "He was somebody I cared for," McClintic said.
- **Sex.** They had sex on three more occasions, including once at a movie theatre.
- **Crime.** McClintic had several convictions for assaults and was wanted by police for parole violation.



Terri-Lynne McClintic testifies at the Michael Rafferty murder trial in London, Ont., on Tuesday. She said she was high on drugs when Rafferty urged her to kidnap a little girl. TAMMY HOY/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Dozens dead, many more missing after ferry capsizes

On the banks of the Meghna River, relatives wail for the loved ones they lost in the accident. PAVEL RAHMAN/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

A ferry packed with about 200 people capsized in a river in southern Bangladesh on Tuesday, killing at least 31 people and leaving dozens missing.

Local police chief Mohammad Shahabuddin Khan said about 35 people were rescued after the ferry sank on the Meghna River after colliding with a cargo boat.

Divers have recovered 31 bodies from inside the sunken ferry, he said.

He said the dead included a young woman found cradling her baby's lifeless body.

"The death toll is likely to rise as more bodies are feared trapped inside," Khan said.

One of the divers, Mohammad Alauddin, said there were still bodies inside the sunken ferry, some of them buried under cargo.

Hundreds of anxious people, many of them weeping, gathered near the scene of the accident to look for their loved ones.

The MV Shariatpur-1 was travelling to the capital, Dhaka, from neighbouring Shariatpur district to the southwest.

The accident site is in Munshiganj district, 32 kilometres south of Dhaka.

Businessman Dulal Dewan, described a scene of chaos as the ferry collided with the other ship.

"In minutes there were screams all around," he said. "People were shouting for help."

Dewan said he was rescued by a nearby boat.

But eight other family members travelling with him were still unaccounted for.

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Survivor

"I was awakened with a big jolt. I jumped into the river in darkness."

Dulal Dewan, a businessman who survived

Diet. A lower-sodium campaign lacked that winning flavour: Study

An ad blitz to get people to reduce the salt in their diets may not have been worth its salt.

A government study couldn't conclude whether the Give Your Head A Shake campaign changed any eating habits in a test case that took place in eastern Ontario.

Local health centres in the Champlain region kicked off a campaign in August 2009 to try to persuade people in the area to consume less sodium.

The federal government spent $194,000 to evaluate the results of that campaign.

The study looked at two groups of adults between the ages of 35 and 50.

The Champlain group was exposed to the sodium campaign and a control group in a different town was not.

The Give Your Head A Shake campaign consisted of newspaper, TV and radio ads.

Registered dieticians also came up with dozens of "quick and easy" tips to reduce sodium, such as mixing olive oil, lemon juice and herbs instead of using bottled marinades, or adding your own seasoning to chicken.

But when it came to actually reducing sodium, neither group changed their eating habits in a meaningful way.

"There were no significant differences documented for participants reporting they reduced the amount of sodium they ate in the past 30 days," the study says.

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Don't pass the salt

Ottawa's sodium-reduction strategy calls on manufacturers and restaurants to voluntarily cut sodium levels.

- **Too much.** The average Canadian consumes about 3,400 milligrams of sodium a day. Ottawa would like to see that lowered to 2,300 milligrams by 2016.

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Giraffe dies at Indonesian zoo once renowned for care

Zoo. Critics say there's not enough money to care for the animals, much less invest in improving the zoo's facilities

The tigers are emaciated and the 180 pelicans packed so tightly they cannot unfurl their wings without hitting a neighbour. Last week, a giraffe died with a beach ball-sized wad of plastic food wrappers in its stomach.

That death has focused new attention on the scandalous conditions at Indonesia's largest zoo. Set up nearly a century ago in one the most biologically diverse corners of the planet, it once boasted the most impressive collection in Southeast Asia.

But today the Surabaya Zoo is a nightmare, plagued by uncontrolled breeding, a lack of funding for general animal welfare and even persistent suspicions that members of its own staff are involved in illegal wildlife trafficking.

The rarest species, including Komodo dragons and critically endangered orangutans, sit in dank, unsanitary cages, filling up on peanuts tossed over the fence by giggling visitors.

"This is extremely tragic, but of course by no means surprising in Indonesia's zoos, given the appalling way they are managed on the whole," said Ian Singleton, a former zookeeper who now runs an orangutan conservation program on Sumatra island.

The zoo came under heavy fire two years ago following reports that 25 of its 4,000 animals were dying every month, almost all of them prematurely. They included an African lion, a Sumatran tiger and several crocodiles.

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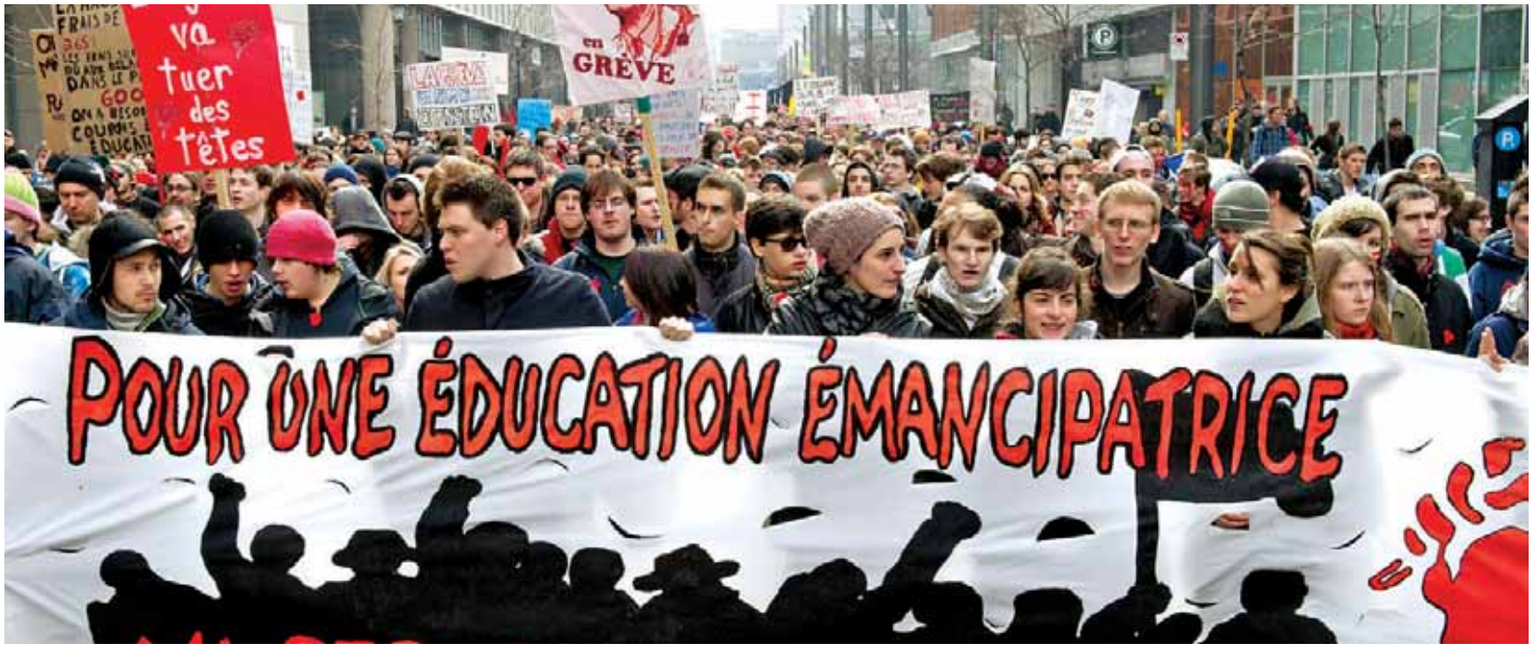
A Bengal white tiger, which is missing an ear and suffers from a spinal problem, lays inside a cage at the quarantine section of Surabaya Zoo. TRISNADI/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



Quebec students take to the streets of Montreal to protest tuition hikes

Striking students continue demonstrations Tuesday as Quebec's increasingly bitter dispute over tuition-fee hikes threatens to heat up even more. PAUL CHIASSON/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Education. London web developer campaigns to put HTML on curriculum

KIERON MONKS
Metro World News

A 25-year-old London web designer is leading a campaign to put "web languages" HTML, CSS and Javascript on the national curriculum, so that every child in Britain ("and then the world") receives a compulsory education from the age of six.

"I want to teach the world to code," Alasdair Blackwell told Metro. "It's about empowering people to control their computers, instead of the other way round. Software underwrites almost everything we do and people need to understand it."

Alasdair Blackwell. CONTRIBUTED

His company, Decoded, already provides free training sessions to kids in London schools and hopes to greatly expand the program.

Italy. Mayor bans locals from dying after feud with neighbouring town

Since the start of the month it has been illegal to die in the town of Falciano del Massico.

The village is home to approximately 3,700 people, 50 kilometres from Naples in southern Italy.

Mayor Giulio Cesare Fava issued the tongue-in-cheek decree because the village has no cemetery and it is feuding with a nearby town that has one.

This is creating a logistical nightmare for residents and town officials about what to do with remains and how to respectfully dispose of the deceased. The town's mayor, however, told newspapers that villagers are content. "The ordinance has brought happiness," he was quoted Tuesday as saying.

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Death

"Unfortunately, two elderly citizens disobeyed."

Giulio Cesare Fava, the mayor of Falciano del Massico after an Italian town made it illegal to die

Crime. Quebec will attempt to soften effects of Bill C-10

The debate isn't over yet for the Conservative government's criminal-justice legislation — at least not in Quebec.

The provincial government announced Tuesday that it would do everything in its power to limit the clout of the legislation that passed a day earlier.

Because the provinces are responsible for applying the laws passed in Ottawa, Quebec says it will work to soften Bill C-10 where possible.

The provincial minister said he will issue a directive to various players in the justice system to avoid applying the strictest provisions of the crime bill — particularly when it comes to youth offenders.

"It is not a plan to abolish C-10," Jean-Marc Fournier said at a conference Tuesday.

Some provinces, including Quebec, also say Ottawa should be responsible for paying for the new jail spaces that will be required as a result of the legislation. Quebec pegs the costs at $750 million for new prisons, and at up to $80 million a year for application of the new rules.

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FUNDING FOR STUDENTS, NOT FOR WAGE HIKES.

The BCTF is demanding a 15 per cent wage hike and other benefits that would cost $2 billion and raise taxes for BC families. Virtually all other public sector unions have settled for no wage increases.

It's unacceptable that schools are disrupted and that students and their families are inconvenienced over an unreasonable salary demand in difficult economic times. The union is making claims and demands that simply don't add up.

BCTF CLAIMS AND DEMANDS	FACT
The union wants more paid time outside the classroom – sick leave for teachers on call, expanded bereavement and discretionary leave.	The government wants more time for teacher training and to ensure that Pro-D days really are for professional development.
The union says all teaching positions should be selected on the basis of seniority.	The government supports seniority but qualifications must also count so that math teachers teach math, and science teachers teach science.
The union says that teachers who perform poorly in evaluations will be dismissed – 'one strike and you're out'.	The government wants to support teacher improvement through a standardized evaluation process.
The union says that government refuses to negotiate.	There has been over a year of negotiations and 78 full bargaining sessions.
The union says that class size limits have been eliminated.	Class size limits will remain in place on all grades across BC.
The union says that BC has 700 fewer special needs teachers.	2100 new teaching assistants have been hired since 2001. And, with a new $165 million *Learning Improvement Fund*, we will hire more.

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U.K. media. Former Murdoch exec arrested in phone-hacking scandal

Former News International executive Rebekah Brooks and her racehorse trainer husband Charlie were arrested Tuesday in dawn raids that also netted four other suspects in the spreading phone-hacking scandal.

Police said the six people were arrested on suspicion of conspiracy to pervert the course of justice. The charge is an indication that investigators may be focusing on a possible coverup of the scope of phone hacking rather than the illegal hacking itself.

Rebekah Brooks
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It was the most arrests in a single day since "Operation Weeting" — as the police investigation into phone hacking is known — began arresting reporters, senior news executives, police officers and others suspected of criminal acts.

Police said all but one of the suspects were released on bail Tuesday evening after questioning. The Brookses are believed to be among those released on bail.

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Mirror, mirror on the wall

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Lawsuit. Public knew risks of smoking: Former Imperial spokesman

A retired tobacco spokesman told a historic civil trial Tuesday that his company was already under fire in the 1960s over the potential health risks of smoking.

Michel Descoteaux, who headed Imperial Tobacco's public-relations department for more than two decades, said there was no point trying to argue against a public and media that wanted to hear one thing: that smoking was bad for you.

Descoteaux was testifying at the start of a landmark class-action suit, the biggest civil trial in Canadian history. It pits Quebec smokers against Canada's three biggest cigarette companies.

Descoteaux said the evidence the company actually had in the 1960s, gathered by company scientists and researchers, was that there was no link between smoking and public health.

But he said the general public and news media dismissed such reports back then and demanded that the company come clean. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Hello, fellow cat jugglers.

Of course, it just feels as if we're juggling cats. In reality, we're juggling meetings, unreasonable demands, inboxes, texts, tweets and PowerPoints. Did I mention unreasonable demands?

And if you drop one, it feels just like an unhappy tomcat landing on your face.

Here's some good news: You've already survived the peak cat-juggling moment of the week, which, according to a 2011 British survey of 3,000 employees between 18 and 45 by Michael Page International, is Tuesday morning at 10 a.m.

It's all downhill from that point. From there, it's just kitten bouncing.

You might be surprised that it's not Monday, the traditional black cat that curls up in the cubicles of wage slaves. The survey reveals that people aren't really back to work Monday; they're easing themselves back into the saddle, catching up with colleagues about the weekend and ignoring emails and in-baskets.

The trouble is, none of that stuff goes away, and by Tuesday at 10 a.m. the cats start howling.

A good time to go for coffee. Or walk the dog.

Personally, I think Sunday, bloody Sunday, is the most stressful time of the week, particularly Sunday afternoon, which is when you start thinking about what it's going to be like on Tuesday morning. There you are, sharing a gelato with your honey on a fine Sunday afternoon, and it occurs to you that you better get that presentation done by Tuesday at 10 a.m., or the boss will feed you to the tigers.

For a lot of people, every day is a bad day. Three-quarters of the survey respondents are done by 11:16. Every day.

Considering there are still five hours and 45 minutes remaining in the average work day, we have a problem. If the survey is in any way a reflection of reality, three-quarters of us should just put on our coats and go home before noon, and leave the afternoon to those people who are actually working. They may not even notice as you go by, because those tabbies are tough to twirl by their tails and require a lot of attention and dexterity.

(And treats. Don't forget that, if all else fails, cats are easy to bribe with tuna snacks.)

Punch in, check out?

If you believe the survey, one in five should not even bother to turn up in the morning, because they're done by 9 a.m.

If you believe the survey, one in five should not even bother to turn up in the morning, because they're done by 9 a.m. Never mind hump day or TGIF, these people need extended beach therapy, which consists mainly of unregulated access to drinks with little umbrellas.

Plus, when was the last time you saw a cat on the beach?

Are you an office juggler or a cat-napper? GANDINI JUGGLERS/CONTRIBUTED

A lesson from the sky

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25 Palestinians dead

Four-day rocket fire ends in truce

ASHDOD, ISRAEL. Some Israeli school girls take cover next to a bus during a rocket attack from the Gaza Strip, 38 kilometres south of Ashdod.

An Egyptian-brokered truce on Tuesday quelled cross-border fire between Israel and Palestinian militants, which left 25 dead in Gaza and three wounded in Israel.

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Violence ebbs

"Until last night, our house was shaking. The bombing has been terrible because it came out of nowhere. A total surprise, that's the worst part."

Yasmeen El Khoudary, 21, Gaza City-based blogger and activist

Arrow II interceptor

Israel repels 3 out of 4 rockets

DEFENCE. "This was a mini drill," for Iran, claimed one official after Israel managed to absorb some 75 per cent of Palestinian rocket fire over a four-day period, using its Iron Dome missile interceptor system.

The other Arrow II interceptor, so far proven only in trials, has a shoot-down rate of some 90 percent.

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On the lookout in Ashdod. GETTY IMAGES

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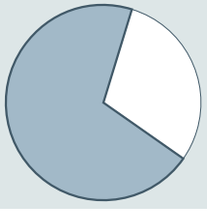

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@IamDanielChai: Looks like Surrey children will be celebrating Spring Break by playing in the snow. #WTF

@Josh Peters: Snow and hail? Thought I left all that in Alberta, wtf #vancouver

@Westcoast76: Where are you Spring??? #blizzard #snow #Vancouver

@KassHaftner: Snowing in Vancouver and flowers are blooming. Go figure!

@jaseeAu: just over a month left until playoffs. clutch time Vancouver! #President'sTrophyRepeat

@MissyInAction87: What are the chances of finding all natural green food dye in #Vancouver before Thursday? Yes, I'm asking so I can dye my wine green.

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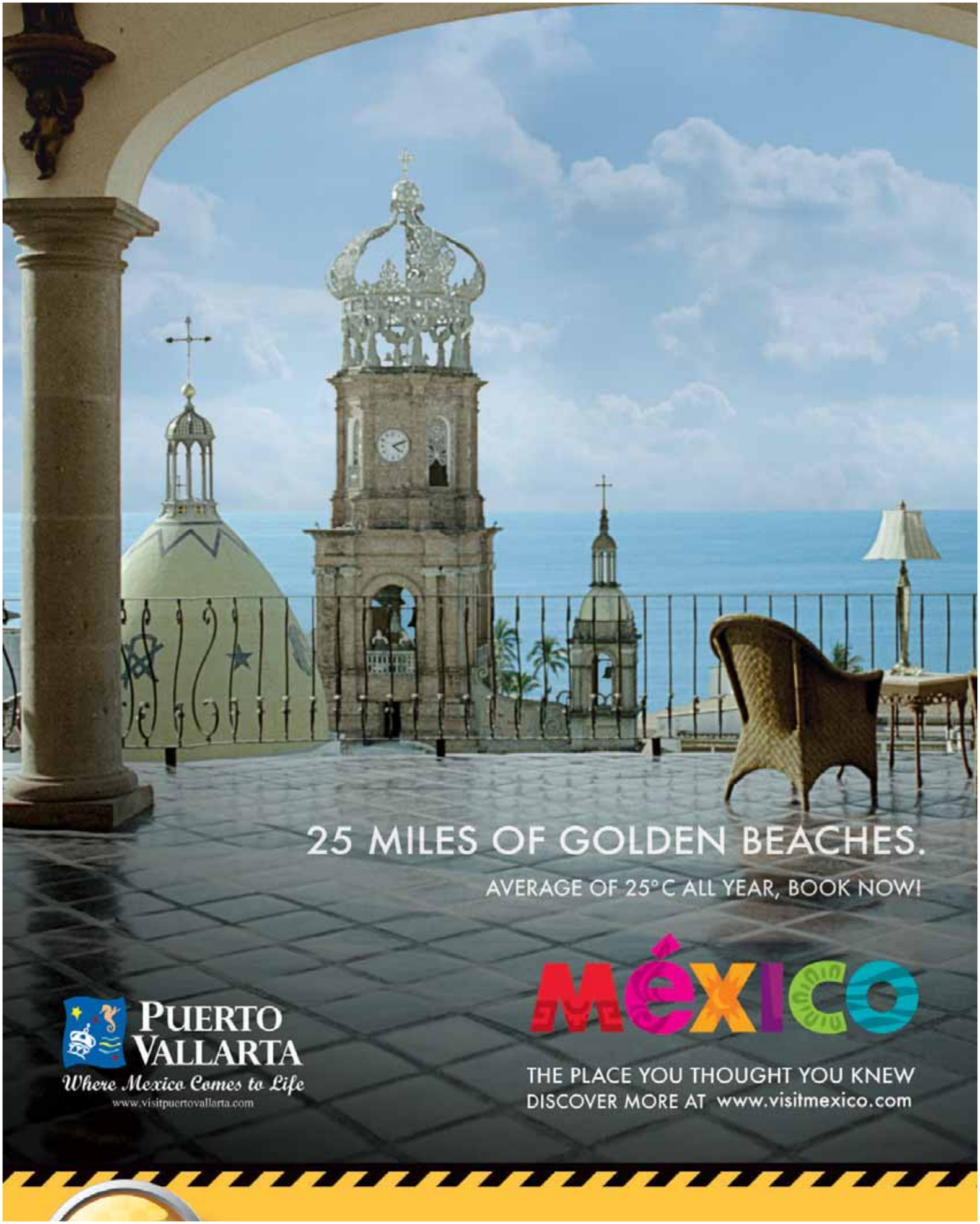
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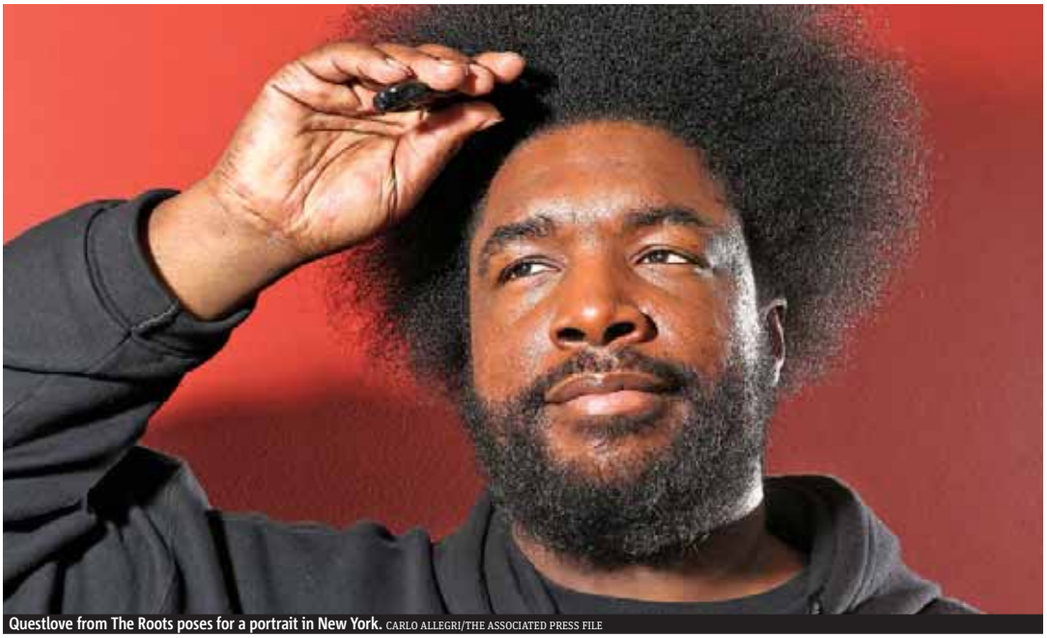
Rooted and Undun

Q & A. Roots drummer Questlove on latest albums, Philly, Jay-Z, Jimmy Fallon and Amy Winehouse


Questlove from The Roots poses for a portrait in New York. CARLO ALLEGRI/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS FILE

The Roots aren't known for selling records. While the hip-hop band has released 14 albums — mostly to critical acclaim — only two have managed to crack gold status.

But even though bandleader Questlove might have enjoyed the money that comes along with multiplatinum records, he wouldn't trade the group's rarified position in the music world for it.

"Mostly for black artists, we're really not afforded — unless you're a jazz artist — you're really not afforded the luxury of making an art record, or a concept record, or a passion project," said Questlove, born Ahmir Thompson. "For some strange, odd reason, and I'm not ever going to argue it, The Roots have always (had that luxury)."

And The Roots, the house band for Late Night With Jimmy Fallon since 2009, have had support from high places to maintain that luxury. When Jay-Z was president of Def Jam, he signed The Roots to the label and told them to maintain their sound and integrity, even if it meant fewer sales.

"(Jay-Z) didn't want to be known as the bad guy that killed The Roots," Questlove said.

The Roots put out two CDs last year with the Betty Wright-assisted Betty Wright: The Movie and Undun, which debuted at No. 17 on the Billboard charts. Both landed on several critics' best-of-the-year lists.

On Amy Winehouse

"I really miss not having her here to school me on jazz... There's so much more I could have learned. She's a teacher."

Questlove

Jay-Z gave you guys some good advice.

I told Jay, "Like man, that would be nice to have all my records debut at No. 1 and stuff." But he's like, "Yeah, but you're just looking at that. I got to deal with beef with this cat and that cat. Every year some rapper's going to take a potshot and I got to take the gloves out the closet and start training." ... And (Jay-Z) sees me as an artist making my dream come true. Like, he wants to be seen as a true artist, not the richest guy in hip-hop. Meanwhile, I would like 13 zeros in my account.

Undun is about the death of fictional drug dealer Redford Stevens, but the story is told from beginning to end. How did the concept come about?

We wanted to tell his story because we've known a billion Redford Stevens in Philadelphia. Philadelphia has been sort of mired and drenched into a lot of random acts of crime, very un-brotherly like in the last decade or so, and we wanted to show the direct result.

You recorded an album with Betty Wright at the same time. What was that like?

I figured I wanted to dedicate the rest of my existence (to) creating source material so that someone else can have something to sample in 2040 once this becomes a dated record. I'm just trying to create the soulful records that will still be used. And it's funny because Betty never understood why I wanted to put a drum break at the beginning, she just wanted to sing. I'm like, "No. No. No. Drum break. Trust me on this one. You'll thank me 30 years from now when you get your publishing checks."

You were close to Amy Winehouse. What was your relationship like with her?

She's such a jazz snob. I couldn't stand it, but I was obsessed with it because once we exchanged information, she would always be on her computer sending me MP3s (like), "Listen to this." ... We spent a lot of time on Skype talking about crazy ideas and she schooled me about Sarah Vaughan. I schooled her about J Dilla. And she was like, "All right, we're going to start a super group. You, me, Mos (Def) and Raphael Saadiq." I was like, "OK." And she assigned homework: "All right, study this record." ... I really miss not having her here to school me on jazz; I thought I was a music snob, and I thought I had my doctorate in jazz, but no. There's so much more I could have learned. She's a teacher.

How has the band grown from being on the Jimmy Fallon show?

Being on the Jimmy Fallon show has introduced a word that has never been in our vocabulary. We've never, ever rehearsed as a band. We never practiced. Shockers, I know. ...So once we come to Fallon, we're now confined to a very tight space, and it's just the eight of us looking at each other, and it's very awkward. ... It's like we didn't know how to play. ... Once we got in a groove, we just practiced a lot. And now we're better musicians, we're better songwriters, we're better engineers, we're better producers. We're just more focused on our songwriting than ever. I wish we had this type of discipline and preparation at the beginning of our career. So I feel like now we're just on our second album.

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Changes in the Den

No more Mr. Nice dragon

Another dragon is leaving the Dragons' Den. BC-TV says tech mogul Robert Herjavec will not return to the business-minded series next season. Herjavec is one of the show's original five judges and was considered one of the nice assessors of wannabe titans. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Rapper Jay-Z rolls into Texas in the nick of time, brings the hype to South By Southwest

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Spears looking at big payday for taking X Factor judge spot

Maybe Britney Spears won't be taking a spot at the X Factor judges' table after all, as the singer has reportedly balked at a $10 million offer from Simon Cowell's singing competition after asking for $20 million, according to Hollywood Life.

But negotiations aren't dead, as Spears reportedly would still be interested if the show could offer an "exit clause," allowing her to bow out after one season if she wanted.

"Money is not an issue for the show. As of now, they are looking to pay her $12 to $15 million for the first season, with a drastic price hike for a second year based on ratings performance," a source says.

"Simon Cowell wants at least a two-year commitment, and Britney wants an out clause if she doesn't want to continue after one year of service."

Bieber adding to his collection of religious tattoos

Justin Bieber GETTY IMAGES

Justin Bieber has added another piece to his collection of religious body art, tattooing a pair of praying hands on his calf, according to Hollyscoop.

Bieber already has some religious tattoos.

He has Jesus' name in Hebrew running down his ribcage as well as a portrait of Jesus on the back of his leg.

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TV show

Man vs. Wild gets killed off by Discovery

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Bear Grylls has no qualms about drinking his own urine on national television — and this is the thanks he gets?

In shocking news, it was announced yesterday that the Discovery Channel fired the popular hunky outdoorsman from his show Man Vs. Wild, after the network was unable to get Grylls to participate in two unannounced projects he was contracted for, sources tell The Hollywood Reporter.

The British Grylls has been with the Discovery Channel since 2006 and in that time has become an international sensation, channeling the show's popularity into endorsement deals with Dockers and Degree deodorant, as well as numerous book deals, an iPhone app, his own clothing line and a video game.

It's all very strange — of course he should honor his contract but it's hard to believe that the Discovery Channel would just so abruptly fire one of their most successful personalities.

Considering this guy has bitten off the head of a snake to eat for breakfast, you kind of have to wonder what was in that contract that he wouldn't do?

Piers Morgan not fond of Kate Moss and Madonna

Piers Morgan GETTY IMAGES

Piers Morgan doesn't mince words when it comes to some of the women he doesn't care for, including Kate Moss and Madonna.

"If people actually knew what she was like, they would never, ever be interested in her again," he tells the Mirror of Moss, whom he says literally kicks him whenever they see each other at public functions.

"She's just a vile little creature."

As for Madonna, whom Morgan had banned from his CNN talk show, he says she is fake.

"She's a complete con artist and those arms are just terrifying," he says.

"It's like watching looking even more barbaric than ever at the moment, utterly grotesque."

DiCaprio still searching for someone to settle down with

Leonardo DiCaprio GETTY IMAGES

Why is Leonardo DiCaprio still single? Because he hasn't found love yet, he says.

"My first love? Boy I don't even remember," DiCaprio tells the Sun. "I suppose if I'd found my true love I would be married right now, wouldn't I?"

And while he still hasn't found what he's looking for, DiCaprio has definitely learned what he doesn't want.

"Pretentious women really turn me off," he says. "Vindictive women, too. I think what turns me on about a girl is what most men find attractive — which is something genuine about them. Being a good person."

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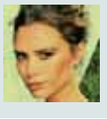

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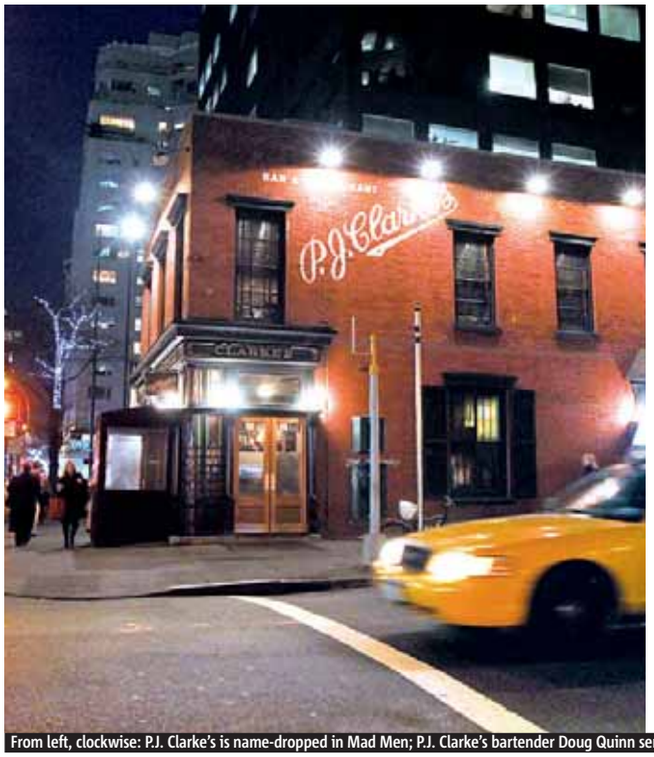

From left, clockwise: P.J. Clarke's is name-dropped in Mad Men; P.J. Clarke's bartender Doug Quinn serves up cocktails; P.J. Clarke's is a bustling night spot. TINA FINEBERG/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Mad for Manhattan

New York. With anticipation of the return of Mad Men, check out some of Don Draper's favourite haunts

Mad Men fans, it's time for a cocktail.

The return of the AMC show March 25 after a hiatus of a year and a half is cause for celebration, and there's no better place to raise your glass than in Manhattan at one of Don Draper's favourite haunts.

While many of the places name-dropped in Mad Men no longer exist — Lutece, the Stork Club, Toots Shor's — there are plenty that do, among them P.J. Clarke's, the Roosevelt Hotel and Sardi's. Some Manhattan bars, clubs and hotels are even offering packages, drinks or viewing parties to mark the show's return.

Of course, the series is filmed in California, so what you see on TV are well-researched sets, not real Manhattan bars.

But Mad Men fans will not be disappointed by reality: many of the establishments that turn up on the show retain a classy, retro vibe in real life, and can offer a fun, sophisticated setting for drinks or a meal.

Judy Gelman and Peter Zheutlin, authors of The Unofficial Mad Men Cookbook, provide A Handy List of Mad Men Haunts in their book along with recipes from them.

"Some of these places just never go out of style, like the Grand Central Oyster Bar," said Zheutlin. "It's such a classic and bustling place."

Mad Men aficionados know the Oyster Bar at the landmark train terminal was not mentioned by name on the show, but it's believed to be the place where Don takes Roger Sterling for a martini-and-oyster lunch.

P.J. Clarke's, at Third Avenue and 55th Street, manages to appeal to a trendy 21st-century sensibility while channelling the classic cool that got the crowd from Mad Men ad agency Sterling Cooper drinking and doing the twist. P.J. Clarke's "was the site of many Mad Men parties," Gelman said.

"I think there might be more scenes set there" than any other bar or restaurant.

According to its real-life bartender, Doug Quinn, P.J. Clarke's "was a joint often frequented by Madison Avenue advertising executives during the 1960s.

"Our bar and restaurant continues to be a destination for this crowd."

The Roosevelt Hotel, 45 E. 45th St. at Madison Avenue, where Don stayed after his wife Betty threw him out, is offering a Mad Men in the City package, starting at $425 a night through June 30, so guests can "experience New York City as Don Draper would," according to Kevin Croke, the hotel's director of sales and marketing.

The package includes accommodations, '60s-era themed cocktails at the hotel's lobby-level Madison Club Lounge or its rooftop bar, called mad46. Guests also get a DVD of the show's fourth season, a copy of The Unofficial Mad Men Cookbook," and tickets to the Paley Center for Media at 25 W. 52nd St., where the hotel has reserved a screening booth for viewing ads from the era.

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Party like Mad Men

To celebrate the return of Mad Men after a long 18 months, some Manhattan haunts are hosting parties for fans of the TV series.

- **Event.** The Pierre, a Taj Hotel, at 2 E. 61st St., which in Mad Men housed offices for the Sterling Cooper Draper Pryce firm, will host a party March 27 at its Two E Bar/Lounge in honour of the new season. Fans are invited to dress up in their favourite Mad Men outfits and try cocktails like a creme de menthe grasshopper or a "bikini martini," a gin, schnapps and blue curacao drink created in honour of the character Joan Holloway. The $14 cocktails will be offered Tuesdays, 6:30 p.m.-9:30 p.m., along with a no-cover jazz duo.

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A Quebec City building where corsets were manufactured for almost a century has been added to Canada's official roster of national historic sites. Known as La Fabrique, the four-storey red-brick building in the downtown Saint Roch district was the site of Dominion Corset from 1897 to 1988. The company was among the city's main employers and one of Canada's largest manufacturers of corsets and undergarments.

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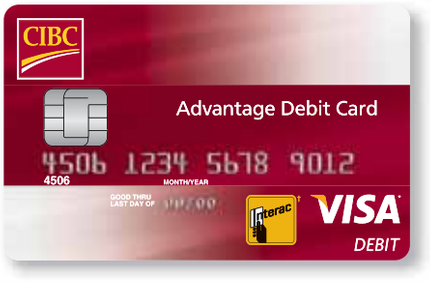

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Serving tea for the England of 2012

London. Afternoon tea has been a British tradition since 1865, and it's making a comeback — enjoy the extravagance

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Last week, The Queen took Kate Middleton, Duchess of Cambridge, and Camilla, Duchess of Cornwall, for high tea on their visit to London department store Fortnum and Mason, a tradition that dates back to 1865 when the Duchess of Bedford called for a selection of snacks halfway between lunch and supper.

But this eccentric and quintessentially British experience is not just enjoying a revival with Duchesses. Afternoon tea so neatly services Britain's new home-baking obsession, the vogue for exotic teas and the compulsion to find ever-more-exciting ways of celebrating baby showers and hen parties that tearooms through London are bursting at the seams. And there's plenty of hot competition for those famous hotels churning out costly teas in two-hour slots from morning until night.

At five-star deluxe Dukes, an award-winning boutique hotel gem tucked down a backstreet of the upmarket St James area, demand from their clients is such that head chef Nigel Mendham has created The Ultimate Afternoon Tea. Served up in a nook of the intimate salon of this country house in the city, or privately in the sumptuous green and pink Perrier-Jouet lounge, this mini banquet marries heirloom tomatoes to Iberico bellota, Royal Beluski Caviar to smoked salmon sandwiches, alba white truffle to Dry aged beef, gold leaf to macaroons and Tahitian vanilla to scones, and then to a flute of Perrier-Jouët Belle Epoque champagne for the princely sum of $300 per head (dukeshotel.com).

At haven The Halkin a new chocolate-themed tea has been introduced, to celebrate the hotel's 20th anniversary. Conceived by award-winning chocolatier, William Curley, the 'Couture Chocolate Tea' adds Chocolate Financier with Passion fruit Curd, Orange and Chocolate Sacher, Sea Salt Caramel and Raspberry Tart to its selection of sweets (halkin.como.bz).

Top or bottom?

- Clotted cream or jam first on your half scone? There are two schools of thought on this from the counties most famous for producing the thick cream. There's no right or wrong, just the Devon method, where the cream is spread first so it can soak into the scone, then followed by jam, and the Cornwall, where jam is spread before cream.

The Perrier-Jouet lounge at Dukes. HANDOUT

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the-berkeley.co.uk

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thewolseley.com

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Where the stars go for sunshine

Anguilla. This tiny north Caribbean island is known for its jet-set crowd — but even for the budget conscious it can be accessible

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It's where Orlando Bloom and Miranda Kerr honeymooned. Where Derek Jeter, Chelsea Handler and Paul McCartney rang in the New Year. The destination that lures celebrities year after year is also one of the Caribbean's best-kept secrets: Anguilla: a tiny island in the north Caribbean. What makes this spot such an A-list magnet is the warmth and friendliness of the people, the secluded atmosphere and, most importantly, the beautiful beaches. For those without the celebrity budget, there are simple ways to save and still feel like a star.

Think boutique

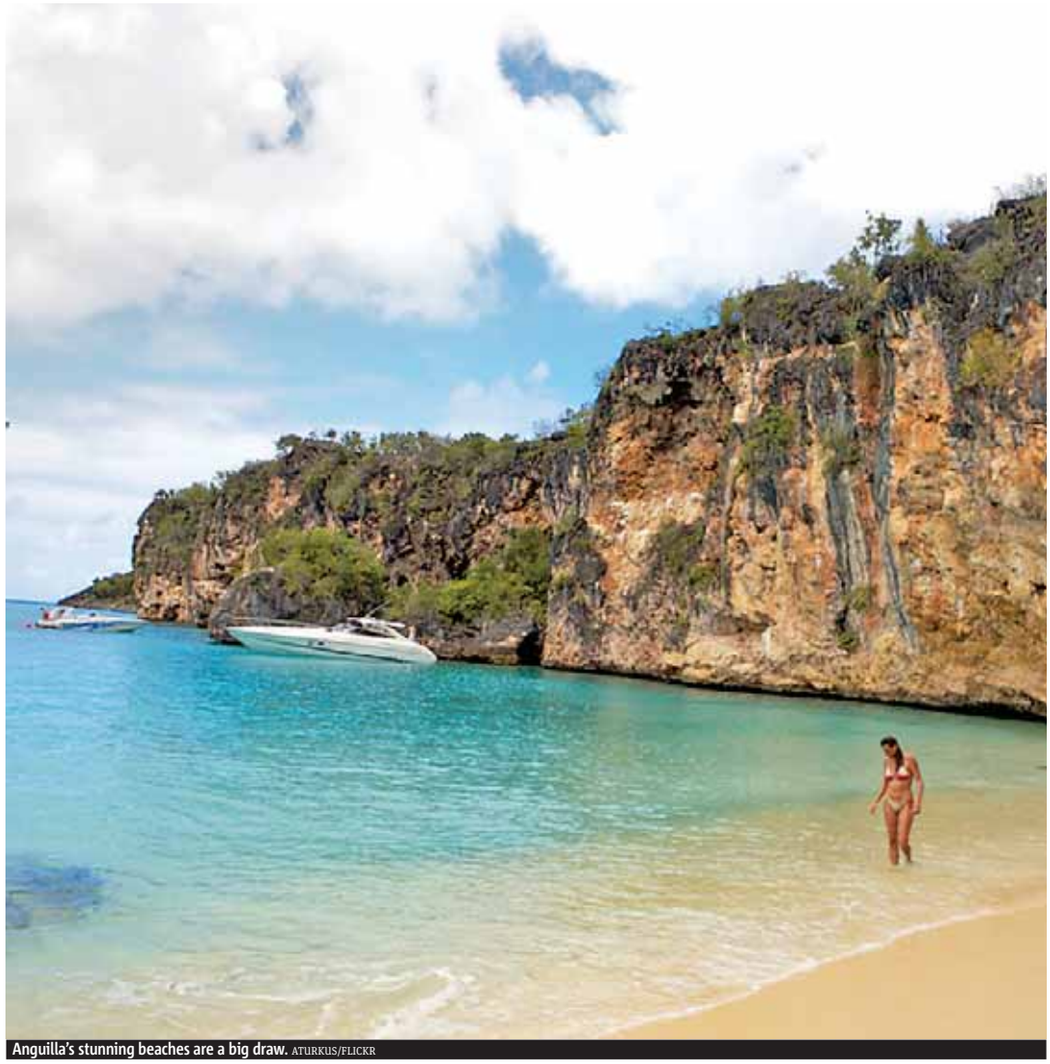
It's not all five-star resorts on the island. In fact, there are many affordable beach accommodations, including the Anacaona Boutique Hotel found on the gorgeous Meads Bay, with rooms starting at $150 per night. Another gem is the charming Lloyd's Bed & Breakfast, the island's oldest hotel, which is just a short walk from the beach. All year-round rooms for two are $145 per night.

Go off-peak

You'll pay through the roof between Christmas and New Year's. Instead, consider visiting between May and August, when nightly prices can be as low as 50 per cent off the high season rates. Love to golf? CuisinArt Resort & Spa is home to the island's first and only 18-hole championship golf course that boasts stunning ocean views. Book a tee time after 2 p.m. and pay $130 to play, versus $230 for an earlier start time.

Take the ferry

If you don't have a private jet then don't even look into flying direct to Anguilla. Instead, fly into St. Maarten and take a 20-minute ferry like everyone else. While the public ferry is your cheapest option at $15 one-way, a privately run charter is more convenient and drops you off right at the airport.



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I'm convinced that when people outside of Canada talk about Canadians being such friendly, welcoming people, they must have met a Newfoundlander! This place feels like an island lost somewhere between Canada and Ireland in many respects, but after a week or so there, it's a place that can only be Newfoundland and Labrador.

Both of my visits to Newfoundland have been unbelievable adventures, but I'm looking forward to a third visit that will focus on the underwater gems of the area. Where else can you dive on Second World War wrecks, icebergs, narwhals, and kilometres of flooded mine shafts all in one place?

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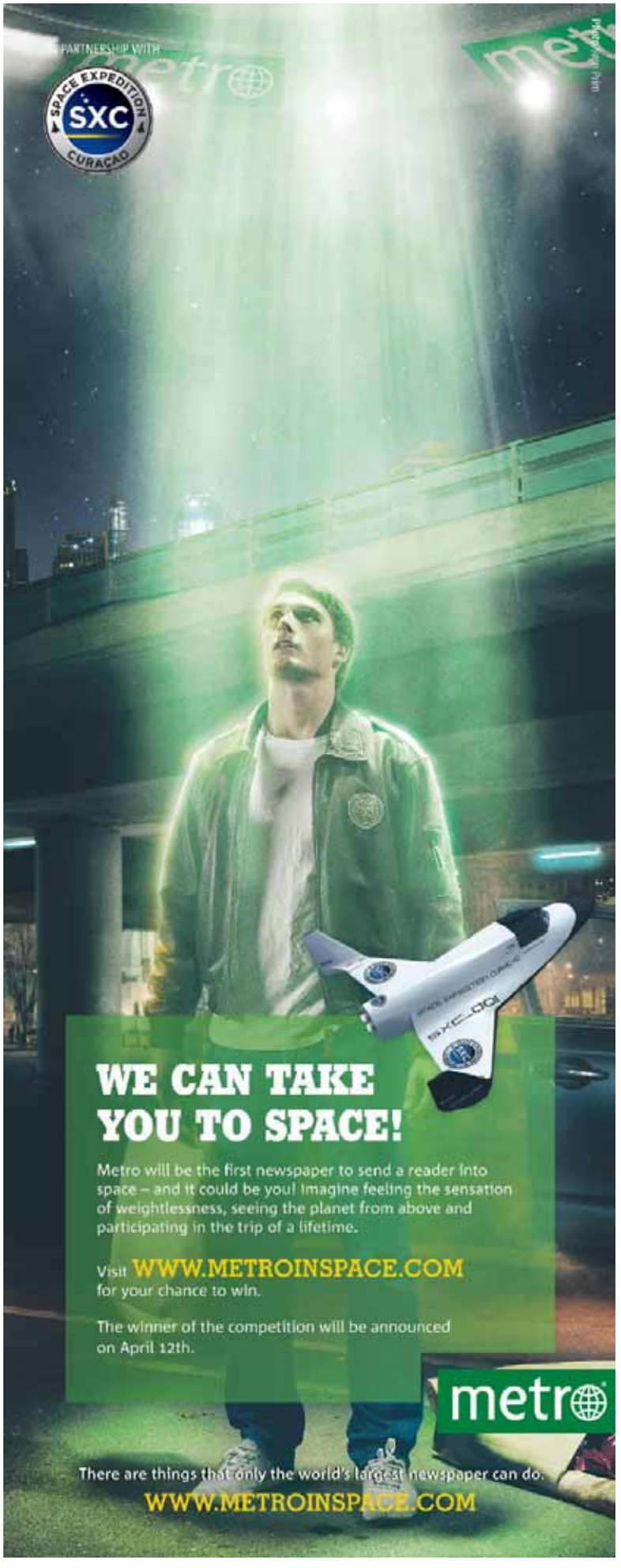
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Smoked salmon proves that fine dining doesn't have to be difficult

Risotto. This tasty Champagne Shiitake-Salmon dish is elegant enough to impress even the most picky of your dinner guests

Ingredients

- 30 ml (2 tbsp) butter
- 1 large onion, diced
- 140 g (5 oz) shiitake mushroom caps, thinly sliced
- 375 ml (1 1/2 cups) arborio rice
- 550 ml (2 1/4 cups) dry sparkling wine
- 750 ml (3 cups) chicken stock or broth, warmed to a simmer
- 1 ml (1/4 tsp) ground cinnamon
- 2 ml (1/2 tsp) salt
- 1 ml (1/4 tsp) ground black pepper
- 250 ml (1 cup) freshly grated Parmesan cheese
- 125 g (4 oz) smoked salmon, cut into thin strips

At your next dinner party, take the fine dining route by easily whipping up a dinner that leaves your guests feeling like you've gone all out to prepare the perfect meal.

The trick? Making sure a bit of bubbly is involved at every step of the process — beginning to end.

This simple but richly decadent risotto studded with thinly sliced shiitake mushrooms and strips of smoked salmon will do it. A generous amount of sparkling wine added throughout the cooking process ensures the experience is sophisticated.

Don't like bubbles? You can always substitute a dry Riesling. Don't care for smoked salmon? Substitute small shrimp (and cook for an extra 3 to 5 minutes, or until just pink and firm).

Be sure to enjoy the remaining sparkling wine when you serve up this risotto.

1 In a skillet over medium-high heat, melt butter. Add onion and shiitakes; sauté for 4 minutes. Add rice and cook, stirring constantly, for 1 minute. Add 250 ml (1 cup) of the wine and cook, stirring constantly, until completely absorbed.

2 Add half of the chicken stock or broth, stir several times, then let simmer until liquid is nearly completely absorbed. Continue adding stock, 125 ml (1/2 cup) at a time and stirring constantly until absorbed between each addition.

3 When all of the stock has been added and absorbed, add another 250 ml (1 cup) of the sparkling wine. Stir until absorbed. The rice should be tender, but still just barely firm at the centre. Stir in cinnamon, salt and pepper. Add cheese and mix until melted and creamy. Adjust seasonings.

4 Remove the pan from heat. Stir in salmon and remaining sparkling wine to serve. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS/ ADAPTED BY EMILY RICHARDS (PROFESSIONAL HOME ECONOMIST, COOKBOOK AUTHOR, AND TV CELEBRITY CHEF. FOR MORE VISIT, EMILYRICHARDSCOOKS.CA)

Champagne Shiitake-Salmon Risotto

This recipe serves four. MATTHEW MEAD/ THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Drink of the Week

Passion-Politan

Bring the passion back to your relationship with the Passion-Politan. This romantic cocktail is just as visually pleasing as it is delicious.

1 Combine ingredients except champagne or sparkling wine in a cocktail shaker with ice. Shake and add sparkling wine, stir and strain into a martini glass. Float the rose petals on top of the cocktail.

- 1 oz SKYY Vodka
- 1.5 oz Passionfruit Liqueur
- 0.75 oz rose syrup (such as Monin)
- 0.5 oz lime juice
- Rosé champagne or rosé sparkling wine
- 1 rose petal

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Star treatment

1 Toast bread, then let it cool to room temperature by placing on a rack or leaving in the toaster. If you put the hot toast on a plate, it will steam underneath and become soggy.

2 Using a channel knife or vegetable peeler remove rind from lemon. Thinly slice if using vegetable peeler and set aside.

3 Spread 10 to 15 ml (2 to 3 tsp) of cheese over each piece of toast. Top with salmon, trimming to fit, if necessary. Use a star cookie cutter to cut each slice into as many stars as possible. Garnish with lemon strips. Place caviar, if using, in centre of star.

4 Arrange on a platter and serve.

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Salmon Stars Ingredients

- 6 slices of pumpernickel bread or thick sliced bread
- 1 pkg (146 g/5.2 oz) garlic and herb cheese (such as Boursin) at room temperature
- 125 g (4 oz) thinly sliced smoked salmon
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Take down these tips from career expert Dave Keir of IT staffing agency Robert Half Technology on how to get a solid foot in the door of all things desktop.

Stay positive:

Plain and simple, it is always tough to go through the application and hiring process, so new job seekers should remain positive and optimistic, especially during job interviews. Employers are attracted to positive thinkers.

Be assertive in your job search:

Never stop networking! Utilize online resources like Twitter, Facebook and LinkedIn, and find ways to network in person as well. People forget to do this all the time and rely solely on the Internet, but personally reaching out to employers has a timeless effect.

Stay up to date on the latest technology:

Consider continuing education courses, online learning, etc. There are also so many free, online tools to keep your skills current.

Doing this shows an employer that you are not only resourceful, but that you are eager and ready to work.

Polish your soft skills:

Employers want someone with great communication skills who is able to work well with anyone.

Always check your ego at the door, and be willing and able to collaborate with others on the team. Job seekers often get so caught up on solely advertising their technological knowledge that they forget to enhance what they themselves can bring to the position as well!

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2) Database management
3) Desktop support
4) Windows administration
5) Wireless network management

Student Voice

I found the key to landing jobs in IT: Volunteer work

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In my experience, the only way to secure a job is by having related work experience and by nailing the interview.

Most jobs in the IT field nowadays require previous work experience, but you've got to start somewhere right? I found the answer in volunteering. I did not have hundreds of volunteer hours in school, but I made sure that the volunteering opportunities that I did pursue were relevant and useful to my future career. I held positions such as computer literacy tutor, website designer and IT assistant.

These volunteer opportunities taught me not only technical skills, but more importantly, leadership skills and a knack for speaking in groups and to superiors. These soft skills proved highly useful during interviews.

Because I had a good combination of skills going into interviews, I wasn't as nervous as I'd be if I were unprepared. I also truly believed that I was qualified for the position, so I treated the interview as an opportunity to explain to the employer what I could bring to their company.

Too often, students think they're being scrutinized and judged during an interview, and they let their nerves get the best of them.

I also think that employers are looking at performance potential just as much as they're looking at your current credentials. That's why it's important to demonstrate your eagerness to learn during the interview.

Davis Wang PROVIDED

Where I am now. I am currently working as a software engineer at Tagged.com, a San Francisco-based social-networking destination with over 100 million registered users and 6 billion page-views per month.

My recommendations for employers, schools and career-centres. I think seasonal positions, such as internships, are a great way for employers to test drive students. A lot of what employers look for in potential candidates cannot be shown on a piece of paper or by spending half an hour with the candidate.

My recommendation for students. Build your resumé by pursuing volunteer opportunities or internships that are relevant to your future career choice. Even if the job is only for a month, you'll gain valuable experiences that will benefit you down the road. Interview skills are also very important – look online for resources to hone your interview skills, it can make all the difference in the world.

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Nursing casts wide net

Out of the ordinary. You can stretch out your schooling in many directions

JULIA WEST
Metro World News in Philadelphia

A nursing degree doesn't have to lead to a job in a hospital.

"Let your career go hand-in-hand with your hobbies and interests," says author and geriatric care manager Marion Somers.

"If you love to travel, you could consider becoming a nurse for a cruise ship. There are so many non-traditional paths you can take with that nursing degree. A nurse will always find a job, but you may have to walk in and ask for the position to be created."

Caring for callers

What about a job in drug safety operations?

- **Fielding calls and concerns about drug reactions.** "When a patient calls in a bad reaction to a drug, the nurses offer a very good perspective because they can relate to the patients and understand what they're going through better than a non-nurse," says Steven Raz.

For the less whimsical, here are three positions that already exist for nurses with unique skills and education.

Clinical project manager

"When a [drug] trial is going on, there's a lot of moving parts," says Steven Raz, co-founder and managing partner of Cornerstone Search Group in New Jersey.

"There needs to be the documentation, protocol must be followed and you need to stay within budget. All that information gets rolled into a project. Nurses have likely been through clinical trials. They already have the knowledge of what's happening at testing sites."

Transplant coordinator

"[A] transplant coordinator is an advanced practice healthcare professional. It requires critical thinking, communication and organizational skills," says Pat McDonough, RN, live donor transplant coordinator at New York's Montefiore Medical Center. "After working in the ICU for 18 years, becoming a transplant coordinator opened a whole new world to me."

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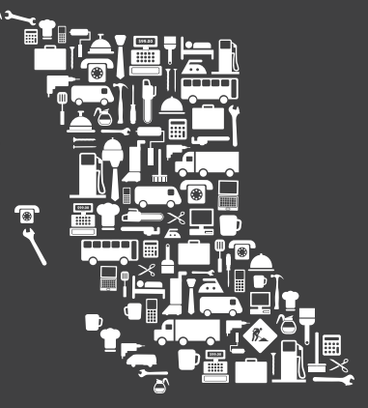

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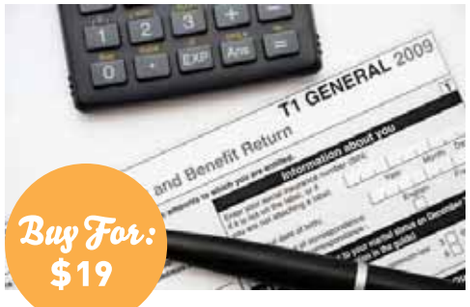

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Canucks' game just ain't the same since Detroit

Canucks, from left, Daniel and Henrik Sedin, Ryan Kesler, and Chris Higgins react to their 4-1 loss to Montreal at Rogers Arena on Saturday night. DARRYL DYCK/THE CANADIAN PRESS FILE

THE HOCKEY NEWS
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The Canucks may not be the dominant squad they were last season, but they sure know how to stay out of a slump: They've never lost three straight. And they've yet to pick up less than three points in a four-game span ... until now. Time to panic?

On Feb. 23 the Canucks beat the Red Wings 3-2. After scoring the winner in the shootout, Alexander Burrows, with (too?) much exuberance, mimicked snapping his stick over his knee to make clear his team had just ended Detroit's record-setting home winning streak at 23. At the other end, Roberto Luongo slid on his pads to the awaiting hoard of mates pouring off the bench.

It struck me as strange at the time and through the almighty power of hindsight, I see now my eyebrow was justifiably raised. It was an emotional game to be sure, one the Canucks had tied with less than 15 seconds to go. But the high was too high. How can a club get up for the likes of New Jersey, Dallas and Phoenix after such a big win over a conference foe? Though they managed to get four of six points in the three following games and blanked St. Louis 2-0 in the fourth, Vancouver has looked flat at the best of times and downright dreadful for the rest.

The dreadful has manifested itself in regulation losses — at home — to Buffalo, Dallas and, ugh, Montreal (framed around a win over Winnipeg).

But this letdown will have an unintended benefit. It's put first place all but out of reach, but at the same time there's no team pushing up from behind. According to the very neat sportsclubstats.com, the Canucks have an 83 per cent chance of being the No. 2 seed and a 17 per cent likelihood of being No. 1. For those of you who, like me, aren't great at math, that's a zero per cent chance they finish third or worse. Zilch.

All of Vancouver's 13 remaining games are versus Western Conference teams. Eight of those outings are at home and none are against any of the West's top-four teams.

The foot can come off the gas. Players can get rested. A nice treat for a team that's played 176 games in the past 18 months.

Keep calm and carry on.

Shuffling the deck

Alex Burrows was pulled off the Canucks' top line Tuesday as coach Alain Vigneault attempted to kick-start his struggling club.

- Burrows skated on the third line in practice, and is expected to line up in the same spot Wednesday as the Canucks host Phoenix. Mason Raymond worked out on the No. 1 unit with Daniel and Henrik Sedin.
- Vigneault also shuffled his top-two defence pairings.
- "This is about finding new solutions to get our guys going," said Vigneault.
- Specifically, the coach wants to get his top players producing again. Burrows has just one goal in his past 11 games and has said he is to blame for the Sedins' poor production of late.

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Penguins. Crosby returning to team that's already red hot

Sidney Crosby is returning to new linemates and a new role with the NHL's hottest team.

But Pittsburgh Penguins coach Dan Bylsma still expects to see the Crosby of old despite his current 40-game layoff and the 102 games the star forward has missed over two seasons because of concussion-related issues.

Crosby, out since Dec. 5, announced Tuesday he will play Thursday night against the Rangers in New York. The Penguins, riding a nine-game winning streak, are four points behind New York in the race for the top seed in the Eastern Conference.

What already was a marquee game for the NHL just got even bigger. Much bigger.

"I think it's unrealistic that he's going to step into Madison Square Garden and be the only show on the ice," Bylsma said. "But I know how the guy plays. I know how fast he is going to go. I know what's going to happen when he has the puck with speed. You know how he's going to be able to play down low with the puck, and you expect to see that player step on the ice. That's a really good hockey player. That's the best hockey player in the world."

Penguins centre Evgeni Malkin arguably has been that player with Crosby out, piling up a league-high 84 points. Now Crosby is coming back at a key point in the season, with 14 games remaining for Pittsburgh and the playoff race still undecided.

"I know Geno is excited to be on the same ice with Sid again," Bylsma said of Malkin. "I still think it's a great challenge for our team. We're not a shoo-in to be a really good team when they all come back."

Crosby admittedly feels better than he did when he returned nearly four months ago after missing the final 41 games of last season and the first 20 games this season. He dazzled the New York Islanders with a two-goal, four-point night on Nov. 21, but he didn't have another goal in the other seven games he played before the concussion symptoms returned following a physical Dec. 5 game against Boston.

This time, general manager Ray Shero said, "He feels better than last time and knows what to expect this time."

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Line dancing

For now, Penguins coach Dan Bylsma plans to keep intact his productive top-two lines of Chris Kunitz-Evgeni Malkin-James Neal and Steve Sullivan-Jordan Staal-Pascal Dupuis.

- Still, Bylsma plans to put Sidney Crosby and Malkin together at times and also slot Crosby and Staal together, a unit previously unseen. The coach plans to limit Crosby to 14-15 minutes a game.

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Canucks preview

Phoenix at Vancouver, 7 p.m. (Sportsnet Pacific)

The Canucks (42-19-8) host Phoenix (34-25-11), which is slipping after going 11-0-1 in February. The Coyotes have one win in seven games this month. Ray Whitney has 62 points this season and is 12 away from reaching 1,000 career points. Radim Vrbata hasn't scored since reaching 30 goals for the first time in his career on Feb. 21. Vrbata has four assists in 10 games since. Defenceman Keith Yandle scored his 10th goal of the season in a 5-4 shootout loss to Nashville on Monday.

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Tossing a Dart into the fray

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2013 Dodge Dart

- **Type.** Four-door, front-wheel-drive compact sedan.
- **Engines (hp):** 2.0-litre DOHC I4 (160); 1.4-litre SOHC I4, turbocharged (160); 2.4-litre DOHC I4 (184).
- **Mileage:** L/100 km (city/hwy): 6.4/4.9 (2.0, est.).
- **Base Price:** $17,500 (est.).

Decked out

The side profile doesn't have the sculpture of a car like the Hyundai Elantra, which might endear the Dart to no-frills buyers.

However, the Dart can be decked out with leather, dual-zone climate control and navigation.

The R/T gets its own five-spoke wheels.

Interior

The cabin design is a standout, with futuristic-looking gauges, equally non-traditional control-panel displays and unique storage area beneath the front passenger seat-cushion.

Of note is the customizable screen that sits between the tachometer and fuel gauge.

Engines

The base engine is a 160-horsepower 2.0-litre four-cylinder that's standard in the SE, SXT, Rallye and Limited. All four trims can be upgraded to the 1.4-litre turbocharged four-cylinder that's rated at the same 160 horses. Exclusive to the sporty R/T is a non-turbo 184-horsepower 2.4-litre four-cylinder.

Review. Chrysler re-enters the compact sedan battlefield

MALCOLM GUNN
Wheelbase Media

You can thank Giulietta for the soon-to-arrive 2013 Dodge Dart.

No, Giulietta isn't an automotive design studio, corporate executive or even a flavour of ice cream. It's an Alfa Romeo automobile that's the basis for a brand-new four-door compact sedan that wears the reconstituted Dodge Dart badge.

The fact that both Chrysler/Dodge and Alfa Romeo are controlled by the vast Italy-based Fiat automotive group has everything to do with the new Dart's creation. Although the Dart and Giulietta share the same basic platform, the Dodge version is enlarged, gets its own sheetmetal (Giulietta is hatchback, after all) and interior.

The engine selection is straight from Fiat. The Dart is also being built at a Chrysler assembly plant in Illinois with mid-2012 slated for the official coming-out party.

Despite its Italian origins, the Dart looks like a full-fledged member of the Dodge family as the signature crosshair grille is framed by a mouth-agape grille.

The Dart's bold statement will be important since Chrysler hasn't had a compact sedan in play since the Neon back in 2005. Meanwhile, virtually every mainstream automaker has continued to offer trunk-lidded compacts, earning plenty of currency — both in dollars and brand awareness — in the process.

That might explain why the Dart moniker has been returned from the 1960s and '70s, when it was applied to a series of two- and four-door compact models.

The Dart name will probably resonate with older customers — who will either love or hate the idea of bringing it back — although many younger car buyers will likely miss the connection completely.

The black grille surround is exclusive to the R/T model. This is the elegant Limited trim with the optional 1.4-litre turbocharged engine out of the Fiat 500 Abarth.

The otherwise clean interior might be a bit overdone with the glowing dash piping. The gauge layout is innovative, though.

By comparison

1 Chevrolet Cruze
Base price: $17,000

2 Hyundai Elantra
Base price: $17,500

3 Toyota Corolla
Base price: $17,000

5 DRIVE

Top Gear

A sobering thought

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Turbocharged Fiat 500 Abarth is deliziosa

Autopilot

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The first time a Fiat 500 got the Abarth treatment was back in 1958. At that time, Abarth was an independent tuning company, and not part of Fiat as it is now, and Gina Lollobregida was hard to ignore on the silver screen.

Back then Abarth took Fiat's just-introduced, rear-engined mini-car, and recreated it as the Abarth 595 by raising the compression ratio on the 479 cc engine, fitting a Weber carburetor, optimizing fuel and intake systems, and adding a full Abarth exhaust system.

This doubled horsepower from 13 to 26!

The Abarth 595 evolved into Abarth 695, and the spunky, little Fiats went on to claim 900 individual race victories by 1965.

Fiat's newest take on the "small but wicked" theme is the new 2012 Fiat 500 Abarth. Its turbocharged, 1.4-litre "MultiAir" engine is not quite double the output of Fiat 500's base engine (101 hp/98 lb-ft of torque), but a pretty decent upgrade. How about 160 horses and 170 torques?

Of course, the over-achieving Fiat has more than just power to offer. The car has been lowered, big-wheeled, big-braked, stiffened and outfitted with quicker steering and better suspension. It also belts out a gnarly wail, via its Abarth-tuned dual-exhaust system.

The highlight of the interior makeover is the leather, flat-bottom steering wheel — one of the nicest I've ever fondled.

At the car's recent press launch in Nevada, Fiat had no qualms about letting journalists thrash them about the Spring Mountain Racing Facility. The Abarth took to the track like a C-list celebrity to a reality TV series, and it wasn't nearly as temperamental. In fact, it's a very forgiving, and easy, car to drive quickly, making it ideal for anyone contemplating a first-ever track-day car, which you could also use every day as a cool, fuel-efficient streetcar. Prices start at $23,995, and each one comes standard with a track-day experience.

The Fiat 500 has been optimized as a space-efficient city car. Translation: its bulbous body, 64/36 front/rear weight distribution, and front-wheel drive, are not optimized for racy car activities. But that the racy transformation was done, anyways, is just another one of the charms of this engaging, hot-headed Italian.

If you want one, don't drag your feet.

"We'll sell everyone we can get," says Ed Broadbear, VP of Marketing, Chrysler Canada. He half-jokingly added that he's got his fingers crossed that the Abarth flops in U.S., so more units can be diverted north. He's already heard from many Canadian customers who got it bad for Abarth and can't wait to get their hands on one. Its potential for future cult status has already been noted by Hagerty Insurance, who included the Fiat Abarth 500 on its current list of "Future Collector Cars Under $100,000."

The short list

Snooki. GETTY IMAGES

Small, Powerful, Italian

- Snooki
- Fiat 500 Abarth
- Italian Prime Minister Silvio Berlusconi
- Vespa GTS 300 Scooter
- Italian Espresso
- Formica Atomica (a.k.a. pro soccer player Sebastian Giovinco)
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A whole lot of green?

Auto Know. How a 500-horsepower, 5,100-pound all-wheel-drive luxury coupe can be considered "green" depends entirely on your perspective

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A socially responsible luxury car nudging $170,000 might seem like a contradiction. Maybe even an impossibility. You might even laugh at the notion.

But apparently rich people also want to feel a bit better about the dent they're putting in Mother Nature's front bumper. At least that's Bentley's spin on the new two-door Continental GT V8 that drops four pistons from the program and picks up 40 per cent fuel economy while giving up very little, if anything, when it comes to performance and luxury.

That might be what a Bentley customers considers a "green" solution, but the bottom line is that it's still a 500-horsepower twin-turbocharged 2,300-kilogram coupe with all-wheel-drive, and to literally drive home the real purpose, the Bentley PR team scheduled an afternoon of hot laps around the nearby Circuito de Navarra. Here, fuel economy and social responsibility is the furthest thing from everyone's mind.

The new V8 engine gives away 67 horsepower but just 29 pound-feet of torque to the 12-cylinder model while the absence of four cylinders provides a weight saving of 25 kilograms over the front wheels and 50 overall. More importantly, the Continental's weight bias has shifted to a more balanced 51/49 front/rear ratio compared to the 54/46 for the 12-cylinder car.

On the track and the nearby two-lane highways, the V8 feels lighter on its feet, which makes the car more composed and responsive when cornering. The big coupe really does go where it's pointed with minimal objections from the front suspension.

Bentley's stopwatch numbers indicate a zero-to-60 m.p.h. (96 km/h) time of 4.6 seconds for the V8, barely two-tenths slower than the 12-cylinder car. In addition, the car's claimed 188 m.p.h. (301-km/h) top speed is 16 km/h slower than its stable mate, not that that really matters to the vast majority of buyers who will seldom travel at even half that speed.

By the numbers

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Bentley claims the Continental GT V8 can accelerate from zero-to-60 m.p.h. (96 km/h) in 4.6 seconds.

The raspy-sounding 4.0-litre V8 was jointly produced with VW's Audi division, where its derivatives are installed in the R8 sports car and S8 sedan. However, Bentley took its own path in developing the engine's innards, including the addition of cylinder deactivation that shuts down half the pistons under light- or no-load conditions to reduce fuel consumption. Another fuel-saving measure is the eight-speed automatic transmission (two more cogs than the 12 cylinder) that comes with manual shift controls plus its own separate coolant circulation system.

If you're into spirited driving, or a track day, make certain you select the virtually fade-proof carbon-ceramic brake-pad option for the massive 16-inch front and 13-inch rear rotors.

Visually, the V8 distinguishes itself from the current GT with its front air dam and matte-finish mesh-type grille. Yes, it's a subtle difference, but is more in keeping with the coupe's sporty character. Also noticeable are the distinctive standard and optional 20-inch wheels and the front and rear winged Bentley logo with a red background.

The Continental GT V8 joins the 12-cylinder model in North America later this summer and will be joined by a GTC convertible. That model will have lighter and softer steering that one Bentley spokesman says will better fit the higher percentage of women buyers looking for more luxury than sporting flair.

V8 pricing hasn't been established just yet, but expect the coupe to start in the $215,000 range.

Socially responsible? That depends on which end of the buying spectrum you're coming from.

Tooling around the Spanish countryside in both models gives one pause as to how the car might be received in a land where one-quarter of its workforce is unemployed. However those concerns were dispelled while rumbling through one village, where an elderly gent raised his cap at the passing parade of opulence and with a broad smile bowed in salute.

It might not be a Prius, a Volt or a Leaf, but the Continental GT V8 is a car that delivers driving passion, luxury and prestige to a select group of buyers who can also feel a bit better about their choice.

Socially responsible or not, the V8's exhaust was tuned to give the driver maximum aural pleasure. With 500 horsepower, the tires screech in protest, however. ALL PHOTOS BY WHEELBASE

It's plenty plush in there and you can feel good that your fuel economy is up by 40 per cent, if you're ginger with the throttle.

At 16 inches in diameter, the Continental GT's brake rotors are the biggest on just about any passenger car.

Luxury cars and racing helmets? The Continental GT V8 is still a performance machine.

Despite losing one third of its pistons, the 4.0-litre V8 is down just five percent on peak torque when compared to the 12-cylinder model.

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Click the cap to keep your fuel system happy

Driving Force. You know you're supposed to tighten the fuel cap. But do you know what happens when you don't?

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There are two things to remember when filling up your car: tighten the fuel cap until it clicks, and don't top off the tank. Both of these are important because of your vehicle's emissions system, which helps to keep unburned gasoline vapors from escaping and polluting the air.

"The fuel system is a closed system so that vapors don't escape," says John-Paul Farag, manager of advanced technology and powertrain for Toyota Canada. "The clicks (on the fuel cap) ensure that you have a nice, tight seal."

If the cap isn't sealed tightly, special sensors will detect the pressure loss and can alert you by illuminating the "check engine" light on the dash.

"It's not necessarily something wrong with the engine," Farag says. The light could mean that a loose gas cap is setting off a sensor that's monitoring the emissions controls. Some vehicles have a specific warning light for a loose cap.

If your check engine light comes on, try tightening the cap. If that was the cause, it will probably go out after you've stopped and started the ignition several times. A light that stays solid is often minor, but if it flashes, it's usually something more serious that could leave you stranded.

At the gas station, your vehicle works with the pump to automatically shut off the fuel.

"If you look at the fuel pump nozzle, it usually has a curled piece of metal or a small hole beside the large hole where the fuel comes out," Farag says. Once the tank is full, a filler valve in the vehicle sends a little bit of air or liquid back to the nozzle, which prompts it to shut off. It's important not to keep pumping a little more in. The car's emissions system contains a charcoal canister — as it sounds, a small tank filled with charcoal — which captures stray gasoline vapors in the system. Every so often it purges itself, sending these raw vapors into the engine to be burned off. Topping off the tank could send liquid fuel into the canister, which can damage it.

Overfilling can also cause fuel to pour back out of the tank, which can mark the paint and expose you to dangerous fumes — not to mention the waste to your wallet.

Gas station tips

- Occasionally a gas pump won't co-operate with your car's filler, and will continue to shut off before the tank is full. If this happens, ease up on the trigger and pump the gas in slowly, which will usually solve the problem.
- Don't stand directly over the nozzle when you're filling your car. Gasoline fumes are dangerous and have been linked to long-term health problems such as nervous system damage.

When you hit the gas station, be sure to follow your car's instructions. FRED BOTTCHER/FOR METRO

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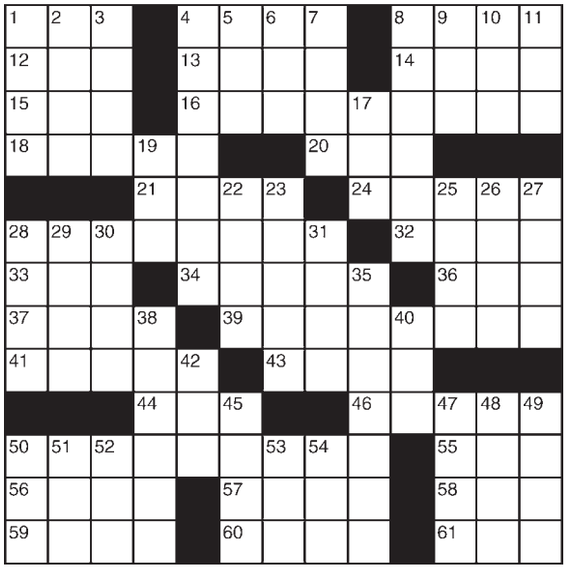

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24 Coffee option
28 Vex
32 Toss the dice
33 Ultramodernist
34 Banish
36 Dove's call
37 Hammer's target
39 Flood
41 Pie-in-the-face sound
43 Pleased
44 Flop
46 Wherewithal
50 Settle in a new country
55 "A pox upon thee!"
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5 Charged bit
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7 Corp. higher-up
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31 Hebrew month
35 Paint store choices
38 Half the audience?
40 JFK predecessor
42 Yank
45 Pharmacist's weight
47 Off in the distance
48 Pleasant
49 Start a garden
50 Rage
51 Witticism
52 Biz deg.
53 Shock and —
54 Won — soup

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Yesterday's answer

R	E	A	M		P	L	E	D		S	E	T		
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Sudoku

			3			8		
8	9						3	
		7			5		2	
	2	6	8	7			4	
1								8
	8			9	1	3	5	
	1		2			4		
	5						6	1
		8			4			

How to play

Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved. You solve the puzzle with reasoning and logic.

Yesterday's answer

6	9	5	7	2	4	1	8	3
8	4	7	1	9	3	6	2	5
1	2	3	5	6	8	4	9	7
4	7	2	3	8	5	9	6	1
9	1	6	2	4	7	3	5	8
5	3	8	6	1	9	7	4	2
7	5	4	9	3	2	8	1	6
3	6	9	8	5	1	2	7	4
2	8	1	4	7	6	5	3	9

Send a kiss

- **Honey Bee.** We both have wings but yet the wind blows Different ways for us. Miss you so much but your sting hurts to much...Can't wait no more for the rose.. XOOX bye bye Honey Bee,your Angel always
- **Ross.** You know you're the best thing that's happened to me in this city. I would never wanna let you go, and I'll happily wait for the time when you express your love for me. P.S. You're an awesome cook. xoxoxo From Jellybean
- **My Husband.** I see you on here & you will get caught this time. I will not come bac.k why do you play with my heart take me for granted? forever forever what a joke you are. your wife
- **My Ladies.** I know u find me resistable but i just wanted u to know that i am still counting on the day u make me lemon loaf. Please yodel for me my lady From Lavergne
- **Confuse Anything.** my mind & body hasn't fully restored itself from last 2 weeks. I'm recovering...Pls be. From mm

Horoscope

Aries | March 21 - April 20. Try not to get emotional today — and under no circumstances get emotional about money or material things.

Taurus | April 21 - May 21. The planets indicate that if you focus your mind on positive things, negative will cease to exist.

Gemini | May 22 - June 20. You may suffer some kind of setback today but the thing to remember is that in the greater scheme of things, it is minor.

Cancer | June 21 - July 22. Wishful thinking seems to be a bit of a problem for you at the moment. Stop living in your head.

Leo | July 23 - Aug. 22. Don't rush into a new situation today. Take your time and get a feel for what it's about then make your play based on your instincts.

Virgo | Aug. 23 - Sept. 22. If you have your doubts about something then you must speak up, even if you risk annoying people higher up the pecking order.

Libra | Sept. 23 - Oct. 22. Do something irrational and outrageous, something that gets tongues wagging.

Scorpio | Oct. 23 - Nov. 21. If a relationship has not been going well of late, now is the time to kiss and make up. Make it a sizzler.

Sagittarius | Nov. 22 - Dec. 21. Someone wants to repay you for a favour or several favours you did for them a while back.

Capricorn | Dec. 22 - Jan 20. Creatively and romantically, this is quite possibly one of the very best days of the year so far.

Aquarius | Jan. 21 - Feb 18. You won't be interested in work, but certain tasks still need to be finished. Do whatever it takes to get others to do things for you.

Pisces | Feb. 19 - March 20. You know a good thing when you see one and what you are looking at now is as good as it gets.

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"You look puuurrrfect to me"
Sheila

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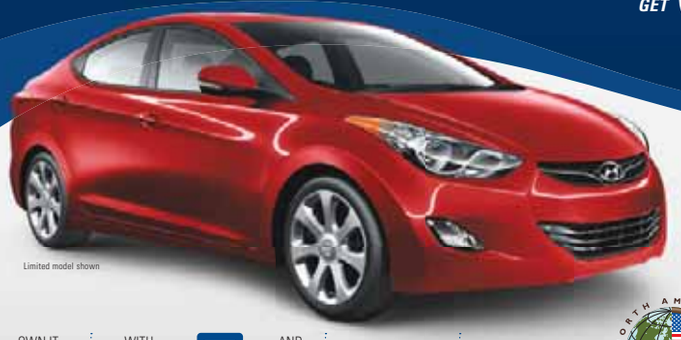

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